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SWITZERLAND PREPARING: FURTHER PRECAUTIONARY MILITARY MEASURES TAKEN

German Troops Are Reported To Have Reached Swedish Frontier Station

FIFTH BRITISH SUBMARINE REPORTED LOST OUT OF 57

The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that H. M. submarine Thistle, which had been operating in the North Sea, is now considerably overdue and must, therefore, be presumed lost, states a British Wireless report from London.

Reuter reports the Thistle is the fifth submarine to be lost out of a total of 57 in the British Navy. She is also the fifth British naval craft lost since the German invasion of Norway.

H. M. S. Thistle is a sister-ship of H. M. S. Trout which torpedoed the German war-ship Karlsruhe.

LOSSES TO DATE
British losses in the Norwegian operations, to date, as admitted by the Admiralty, are four destroyers, as already announced, and one submarine.

It is authoritatively pointed out that the British authorities maintain their previously reiterated policy of announcing losses as soon as the next of kin have been informed and that losses in Norwegian engagements have, in fact, been announced as they occurred.

GERMAN CLAIM
The Berlin Official News Agency claims that a British battleship was hit by a bomb of "heavy calibre" from a German plane during an attack by German aircraft on the British Naval forces off the south-west coast of Norway this morning. Explosions occurred on board the ship and flames were seen, the Agency adds.

Further results will be announced later, it stated.

CANADIANS ON PALACE GUARD

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—The King and Queen stood on the balcony of Buckingham Palace this morning and watched the French Canadians take over Palace guard. A large crowd outside the Palace watched the ceremony.

Major-Gen. McNaughton, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces, Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner, and other prominent Canadians were present at the ceremony.

OLD BELGIANS RECALLED TO COLOURS

BRUSSELS, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—The oldest men in the Belgian Army who have been demobilised recently were recalled to the colours.

They will reinforce the troops now manning interior defences.

H.M.S. GURKHA BOMBED FIVE TIMES FROM AIR

LONDON, Apr. 17 (BWS)—Describing the bombing and sinking of the destroyer H.M.S. Gurkha, a survivor says that the ship was bombed five times from the air.

"Bombs were whizzing around from about two dozen enemy machines. The bomb which did the real damage was a direct hit which almost shook the ship out of the water.

"While we were scrambling to safety we were machine-gunned and bullets were rained on to the decks."

The survivor paid high tribute to the Gurkha's medical officer who actually continued to carry out operations on the wounded while the ship was sinking.

KEYES ON OCCUPATION OF NARVIK

A British Wireless message from London states that in an interview with an Italian journalist, Admiral Sir Roger Keyes said that the occupation of Narvik by the British was not merely very important from the military viewpoint, but also because it meant the complete cessation of the transport of vital ore supplies to Germany from that port.

Recent actions between ships and aeroplanes, he added, proved conclusively that the big units of the Fleet have nothing to fear even against the largest bombers.

"I can assure you in the most emphatic way that H. M. S. Rodney has not suffered at all through the bomb which hit her. The ship is in perfect navigating condition and this shows that her protection enables her to defy any menace from the air," concluded Sir Roger.

OLYDE AREA MINED

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announces mining around the area of the Clyde.

The notice states, "an area between lines joining Dunnigh Point to Craigan Point, and Rhoad Point to Bennane Head, has been mined."

CLARIFICATION OF STATUS OF SCANDINAVIAN SHIPS SOUGHT

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—The city's shipping circles are awaiting a clarification of the status of Scandinavian ships as officials have maintained silence.

It is feared that repercussions of the Scandinavian conflict may be felt in local shipping vital to the city's welfare. Disruption of shipping schedule plans throughout the Far East is seen possible and decisions of the authorities on the status of Scandinavian vessels are declared of great importance to trade interests in the Far East.

Nine Norwegian and two Danish merchantmen are here with four more Norwegian, and one Danish, ships expected in a few days. The position of these ships is uncertain.

Officials said that the situation will be cleared in a few days. The Norwegian Consul-General and the British Naval authorities here are co-operating.

Officials at the Consulate-General said it is believed that Norwegian ships will keep their own flags and would not fly British flags.

The Norwegian Consul-General has ordered all steamers on the Norwegian registry, whose schedules carry them west of Hongkong, to suspend their services immediately, states a report to the Sinwampao.

This conforms with the previous order circulated by the Norwegian Consulate to foreign Governments, advising that all Norwegian steamers calling at European ports had been ordered to suspend their services.

Norwegian steamers sailing between Hongkong and Shanghai, however, will continue as usual, the paper says.

TO HELP ALLIES
British Wireless states that according to press reports from Ottawa at least a score of Danish and Norwegian ships have entered eastern Canadian ports during the past week and all their crews have volunteered to help the Allies. The ships have left their scheduled routes in order to accept service with the Allies.

BELGIAN SECURITY MEASURES

BRUSSELS, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—A number of men guarding strategic points of communication have been called up in connexion with security measures taken by the Government.

NO STATEMENT ON WAR

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—No war statement is expected in either Houses of Lords or Commons today. One is possible, but it is not certain, tomorrow.

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GIGANTIC DIPLOMATIC SQUEEZE DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE ALLIES TO DIVERT WAR EFFORTS FROM SCANDINAVIA FRONT

Sudden Interest Shown By Japan In D.E.I.

LONDON, APR. 17 (REUTER)—THE SUDDEN INTEREST DISPLAYED BY JAPAN IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES, if Holland is drawn into the war, is widely noticed by the papers.

The News-Chronicle says the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita's statement, taken in conjunction with the spate of anti-British feeling and the working up by the Italian press and German allegations that the Allies are planning to violate Dutch neutrality, begins to fit into the picture of a gigantic diplomatic squeeze, designed to intimidate the Allies to divert their war efforts from Scandinavia and to take precautions in the Mediterranean and the Pacific.

Britain is not to be deterred from the main job of defeating Germany by diversions, however induced. The Japanese and Italian moves are not causing any loss of sleep in London.

The Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that Dutch political circles recall that the integrity of the East Indies were guaranteed by the Allies, the United States and Japan at the conference in Washington in 1932.

Anyway, Japan's concern is premature. The Dutch East Indies have an army and navy which would make any attack on their territory most risky.

Only residents proving "absolute necessity of residence" will be allowed to remain. These persons will be forbidden to leave the city and must surrender their passports.

SOVIET - JAPAN RELATIONS

NEGOTIATIONS REPORT

TOKYO, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—In order to clear the way for any possible action in Scandinavia and the Balkans, or the Near East, areas, Soviet Russia is reported to have begun negotiations in an attempt to adjust her relations with Japan so as to safeguard her rear.

According to the usually well-informed financial daily, Chugai Shogyo Miyokan, the Soviet Commissioner of Foreign Trade requested an interview with the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow on April 15, when he is stated to have "made certain important representations concerning the general readjustment of Soviet-Japanese relations."

SIGNIFICANT PROPOSAL

The Soviet proposal, the newspaper declares, is recognised as specially significant because, it is aimed to sound out the limit of the Japanese Government's non-involvement policy in connexion with the expanding character of the European war.

The Soviet Government, it adds, is desirous of determining its Far Eastern policy and the security of its rear "at the arrival of European conditions rendering it possible for the Soviet Union to open positive action in Scandinavia, the Balkans or the Near East areas."

SHANGHAI NORWEGIANS VOLUNTEER TO FIGHT

SHANGHAI, APR. 17 (REUTER)—A NUMBER OF NORWEGIANS HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR SERVICE in the armed forces at the Norwegian Consulate and many more are expected to register in the near future.

AS MANY FINNISH AND SWEDISH NATIONALS have been accepted in Norway's armies since the hostilities, this precedent of allowing foreigners to volunteer will likely be followed here.

AN OFFICIAL OF THE CONSULATE said that the Norwegian community solidly supported the legal Government of Norway and would bend every effort to aid the civil and military forces of the nation against Nazi aggression.

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Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Minister and former Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Hitler Not Fantastic Nightmare In Being

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—"It is a mistake to imagine that Hitler is some fantastic nightmare in being," said Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Minister, in a speech in London today.

"He is not something distinct from the German nation. He is a direct expression of a great part of it."

The aim of Germany's aggressive wars, said Mr. Eden, was to make her infinitely the most powerful nation in the world and by ruthless use of that power, compel Europe to submit to German rule and the world to yield to German authority.

The Allies, said Mr. Eden, are not fighting to preserve a status quo but to preserve the possibility of progress. "We must sweep away cobwebs of placid ignorance which regards British imperialism as a disreputable relic of a shady past."

"It is no such thing; it is a bridge to the next age. We must recognise it as such. In that recognition the future is indeed ours, not as rulers, but rather as servants of the Empire."

CLOSE CHINA - SOVIET TIES

NEW AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWED

CHUNGKING, Apr. 17 (Central)—The new Chinese Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Mr. Shao, Lise, told a representative of Central News today that he will probably leave for Moscow towards the middle of next May.

Mr. Shao referred to the close ties and the amicable diplomatic relations between China and the U.S.S.R. and said he was fully conscious of the heavy responsibility devolving on him as China's new envoy to Moscow. He said he would do his best to carry out the Government's policy and in accordance with the nation's wishes.

Mr. Shao recalled his visit to Soviet Russia fourteen years ago when he was deeply impressed by the huge task of national reconstruction confronting the Soviet leaders and the indomitable spirit in which they carried out their work. Personally he certainly felt most delighted to be now able to visit Russia again, and to see what progress the Soviet Union had made since his last trip.

In the World of Sports

GREEN CLUB WIN TITLE AT D.B.S. SPORTS

Clifton Large Is Senior Individual Champion

Green Club, with a total of 200 1/3 points, won the Inter-Club championship at the annual athletic sports of the Diocesan Boys' School yesterday. Blue were second with 127 1/3 points. Yellow third with 115 1/6 points and Brown fourth with 72.

The Senior Individual Championship was won by Clifton Large, who placed first in the 100 yards, 220 yards, 880 yards, One Mile run and Senior Obstacle race and was third in the 440 Yards, to score a total of 31 points.

The Middle Individual Championship was won by Tang Kok-ling and the Junior Individual Championship by G. Guest. There were no records set and times and standards returned were not exceptional.

The better performances were J. Macaulay's 59 2/5 secs. in the 440 Yards and Ma Wai-fun's 36 feet 8 inches in the Shot Put. Mrs. Goodman, wife of Mr. G. A. Goodman, Headmaster of the School, gave away the prizes.

SENIOR EVENTS

100 Yards: 1. Clifton Large, 2. H. Wong, 3. C. Kotewall. Time: 11 seconds. 220 Yards: C. Large, 2. J. Macaulay, 3. W. Young. Time: 26 2/5 secs. 440 Yards: 1. J. Macaulay, 2. Yuan-yo Hsu, 3. Clifton Large. Time: 59 2/5 sec. 880 Yards: 1. Clifton Large, 2. J. Macaulay, 3. Yuan-yo Hsu. Time: 2 mins. 24 secs.

Obstacle Race: 1. C. Large, 2. W. Young, 3. J. Kw. High Jump: 1. E. Mazza, 2. Chan Shu-fun, 3. J. Macaulay and Stephen Hall. Height: 5 feet 2 inches. Long Jump: 1. E. Mazza, 2. J. Lim, 3. Chan Shu-fun. Distance: 18 feet 10 inches. Shot Put: 1. Ma Wai-fun, 2. Teng Eng-sung, 3. E. Mazza. Distance: 36 feet 8 inches. Tug-of-War: Brown House.

MIDDLE EVENTS

100 Yards: 1. Tan Kok-ling, 2. E. Cheung, 3. G. Lowcock. Time:

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 20th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary

Hong Kong, 15th April, 1940.

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Eastern Wins Third Game

THOUGH LETRAN SCORES FIRST

MANILA, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Eastern Athletic Association touring team gained their third straight victory last night when they beat Letran by five goals to one. The game was fast and played on a slippery ground.

Letran scored in the opening minute and thereafter followed a ding-dong struggle in which both goalies were outstanding. Chan Kam-hoi equalised and Chang Yung-san, after dribbling 20 yards netted to bring the score at half-time to 2-1.

Following the change-over Hau Ching-to, N.Z. Lee and Chan Kam-hoi netted in turn, the home goalies being caught off-guard on two occasions.

Repeated Letran attacks failed against the visitors who were against the much faster team.

SOUTH CHINA "A" RETAIN LEAGUE TITLE

KWONG WAH IN DRAWN MATCH

South China "A" yesterday retained the Senior League football championship when they played a goalless draw against Kwong Wah on the Boundary Road ground.

The match was witnessed by a fairly large crowd and was featured by the splendid goalkeeping of Wong Wah-gay, for Kwong Wah, and Tam Kwan-kon, for the Caroline Hill team, the former being particularly brilliant at times. The champions were without Lee Tin-sang, Lai Shu-wing and Ip Pak-wah their places being taken by Leung In-chun, Lau Tsum and Chin Chi-fai, respectively.

Kwong Wah were also not at full strength the leader of the attack being Chin Chi-fai.

Exchanges were fairly even throughout and a goal scored by Lee Wai-tong in the first half was disallowed for offside. Kwong Wah, during this period, should have found the net but faulty passing nullified most of their efforts. In the second half both goals underwent alternate pressure Wong bringing off spectacular saves from Fung and Lau.

Leung Wing-chiu, at pivot, Soong Ling-sing and Lau Tsum were outstanding for South China while Lee Kwok-wai, at left back, Chin Chi-fai and Chow Man-chi were the pick of the Kwong Wah team.

The teams were:— Kwong Wah—Wong Wah-gay; Chung Fai-lam, Lee Kwok-wai; Chung Kim-fai, Yeung Tse-son; Tse Kam-hung; Cheuk Shek-kam; Lau Fook-chuen, Chin Chi-fai, Chow Man-chi and Wong King-chung.

South China "A"—Tam Kwan-kon; Leung In-chun, Mak Shu-hon; Fok Yue-wah, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing; Tang Kwong-sam, Fung King-cheung; Lee Wai-tong, Lau Tsum and Chin Chi-fai.

FIRST DIVISION TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
S. China "A"	18	13	3	2	54
Eastern	20	13	2	5	58
Royal Navy	19	9	2	8	35
S. China "B"	17	8	3	6	34
Kowloon	18	8	2	8	31
Kwong Wah	19	7	3	9	33
Middlesex	19	6	4	9	37
Royal Scots	17	5	5	7	28
Club	19	6	2	11	31
St. Joseph's	17	5	3	9	30
Police	19	4	5	10	29

30TH R.A. BEATEN

The Royal Engineers defeated the 30th Heavy R.A. in the Second Division Football League play-off for the runner-up position at Caroline Hill yesterday, by the only goal scored.

The gunners, although playing ten men in the first half accredited themselves very well and the sappers were lucky to win through a goal scored by Birrell midway in the first session of the game.

The game was somewhat fast at first but slowed up towards the end, the second half being particularly devoid of interest.

R.A.S.C. WIN

In the Third Division the Royal



H. D. Rumjahn, winner in 1937.

SEMI-FINAL TIE TODAY

H.D. Rumjahn To Beat Cousin?

Some of the best tennis in the tournament should be seen on the Stand Court this afternoon when H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn, cousins and both ex-champions, meet in the first semi-final tie.

The match will almost certainly go to four sets, very probably five, and I expect H. D. to gain right of entry into the final. On current form as demonstrated by their respective showings in the competition, he should. Both men have got thus far without conceding a set, but H. D. has lost only seven games in six sets against Sirdar's 13, his defeat of O. Umetani, the Japanese player, being an impressive affair.

H.D.'s opponents were Firdos Khan (6-1, 6-1), Marsland Ma (6-1, 6-1), and Umetani (6-1, 6-2); while Sirdar beat B. C. Fay 6-1, 6-4, S. A. Gray 6-0, 6-3, and J. W. Leonard 6-1, 6-4.

Fincher, Hung Win In Open Doubles

J.J. FERGUSON HAS AN OFF-DAY

BY "TAC"

A definite off-day on J. J. Ferguson's part, some courageous hard-hitting by C. H. R. Hyde, and an inordinate amount of mistakes by the combination of E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung were the minor features of the Colony Open Doubles tie on the Stand Court of the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday which was won by the latter pair by scores of 6-3, 7-5.

Beyond a number of rallies in which the losers more often than not emerged winners, there was little of interest in the match. Had Fincher and Hung been more careful they would almost certainly have won by an easier margin, but then had Ferguson been in better form he and Hyde would have taken the winners further as things stood.

Serving hard and accurately, and driving fiercely on the forehand, Hyde could in the latter stages of the game point to more outright winners gained than probably any two of the other three, but netting of easy shots by his partner nullified things, Fincher and Hung were much of a maddening, erratic but dangerous.

UNEXPECTED LEAD

The first set was over in a quarter of an hour. The winners took a 3-1 lead and never let up. In the second stanza Ferguson and Hyde unexpectedly went to a three-nil lead but were pulled back to three-all. There was a hard tussle for the seventh game. Ferguson served his best here and eventually he and his partner took it.

They got the lead again at 5-4 but after the opposition had levelled the score Ferguson dropped his service and that was the end. Fincher and Hung will now meet Pearce and Fay in the quarter-finals, winners to play the Rumjahn cousins.

Army Service Corps trounced Electric by six goals to nil. This game was also played at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

Shut Out For Chicago

FELLER PITCHES GOOD BALL

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The American baseball season started yesterday when a full programme was featured by the excellent performance of Feller of Cleveland Indians, who pitched the first no hit no run game.

Several home runs were scored in both leagues.

President Roosevelt pitched the first ball in the game between Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators which was won by the only run scored.

Results were:—

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	5	7	1
Boston	0	5	1
(Wyatt pitched).			
Chicago	1	6	2
Calan homered.			
Cincinnati	2	8	0
McCormick and Goodman homered.			
Philadelphia	3	6	2
Suhr homered.			
N. Y. Giants	1	3	2
Pittsburg	6	15	3
Davis homered.			
St. Louis	4	7	1

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
N. Y. Yankees	1	6	0
Philadelphia	2	6	1
(Game went to 10 innings).			
Johnson homered.			
Cleveland	1	6	1
Chicago	0	0	1
Feller pitched.			
St. Louis	5	10	0
(Judrich homered).			
Detroit	1	7	2
Boston	1	7	1
Washington	0	2	1
Grove pitched.			

REST XI AGAINST CHAMPIONS

SOCCER SEASON CONCLUDING

Local football will come to an official close on Sunday with the Champions versus the Rest match on the Club ground. The game is to start at 4.45 p.m., and at the conclusion prizes will be presented by Mrs. M. K. Lo, wife of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Vice-President of the H.K.F.A.

The following players will represent the Rest team:—Robinson (Navy); Blackburn (Police); Lee Kwok-wai (Kwong Wah); Maxwell (Kowloon); Bright (Middlesex); Lau Tse-chun (Eastern); Hossack (R. Scots); Pryde (Club); F. Fowler (Club); Pereira (St. Joseph's); Wong King-cheung (Kwong Wah).

F. A. COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the management committee of the Hongkong Football Association will be held this afternoon when the team to represent the Colony in the Inter-pot against Saigon will be chosen.

TRUE BLUE WINS

The Sweepstake race sailed yesterday afternoon resulted as follows:—

	Finished	Corr.	Pos.
True Blue	427.51	418.11	1
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson).			
Joss	428.40	417.20	2
(Capt. O. E. Neve).			
Jean	428.52	417.32	3
(Mr. G. J. Tarr).			
Gull	429.05	417.45	4
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills).			
Isobel	430.55	419.35	5
(Major C. V. Seagram).			
La Linda	431.22	420.02	6
(Cdr. (E) R. B. H. Johnstone).			
Diana	430.44	420.44	7
(Capt. H. S. Stanfield).			

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

HOCKEY.—Y. M. C. A. v. H.M. Submarines, ("Y" ground), 5.15 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony Championships: Open Singles, Semi-final.—S. A. Rumjahn v. H. D. Rumjahn (Stand Court); Club Championship: Final.—M. Page v. D. M. MacDougall v. B. C. Fay (8); Handicap Mixed Doubles.—R. C. Bevan and Miss J. Smalley, 3-6 or H. D. Bidwell and Miss E. Lamert, 2-6 v. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nicholson, 3-6 (3).

INTERNATIONAL FINALS DECIDED AT K.F.C.

China Wins Ladies' Section: Men's Flag For India

BY R.O.Y.

Although the Britain-India clash turned out to be disappointingly one-sided, the large gathering of softball fans who turned out at the Kowloon Football Club, last Sunday, received full value for their four bits when China and Portugal stared a grim battle in the final of the Ladies' International.

For six thrill-packed innings, the Portugal defenders held the Chinese sluggers scoreless while they took a two run lead that looked like giving them the Molten Trophy, but the looked for surprise did not materialise as the Chinese, with Nip Lum calling the plays, rallied splendidly, in the first half of the seventh, to tally four markers to reverse the lead.

TWO BIG RALLIES

In that frame, Gloria Mar led off with a perfect bunt and stole second, to score a moment later when Mary Louie singled. The latter crossed the pan when sister Mabel slashed a long triple to leftfield. Thelma Collico then bobbled, Dot Lorde's lazy grounder to let in the third tally. Dot Lorde pilfered the next sack and then tallied when Celeste Marques fielded Jean Lee's daisy-cutter but heaved wild over first base. Doris and Lily Mar went down in quick succession to end the frame.

With two big rallies in the second and third frames, India had the Falconer Shield clinched early in their game against Britain, the final score being 10-1 in their favour. The winners committed only one miscue behind the hurling of Kassa Nazarin, who let down the opposition with only three meaty singles. The Indian hitters gathered 10 safeties off Denham Cray, in the opening stanza, but over the latter stages of the game, Cray settled down to earn nine strikeouts, which atoned in part for the four passes he allowed.

With the total subjugation of Britain's noted sluggers of whom Cray, Pinky Higgins and Stan Leonard managed to connect for a single apiece, it was not surprising that they went down by such a convincing margin.

For India, Sherry Bux garnered two bingles which put him at the top of the averages for the whole Series, while other two-hitters were Kassa Nazarin, A. Bakar and Obeir Aroull. In the absence of "Plug" Gillespie, Pinky Higgins did the hind-matching for Britain, but had a hard time handling the erratic stuff peddled by Cray during the first half of the game. Patsy Jorge took the spotlight with some fine throwing in from the right garden, but Britain's defence, on the whole, was not up to their usual standard.

LATE MRS. MAR

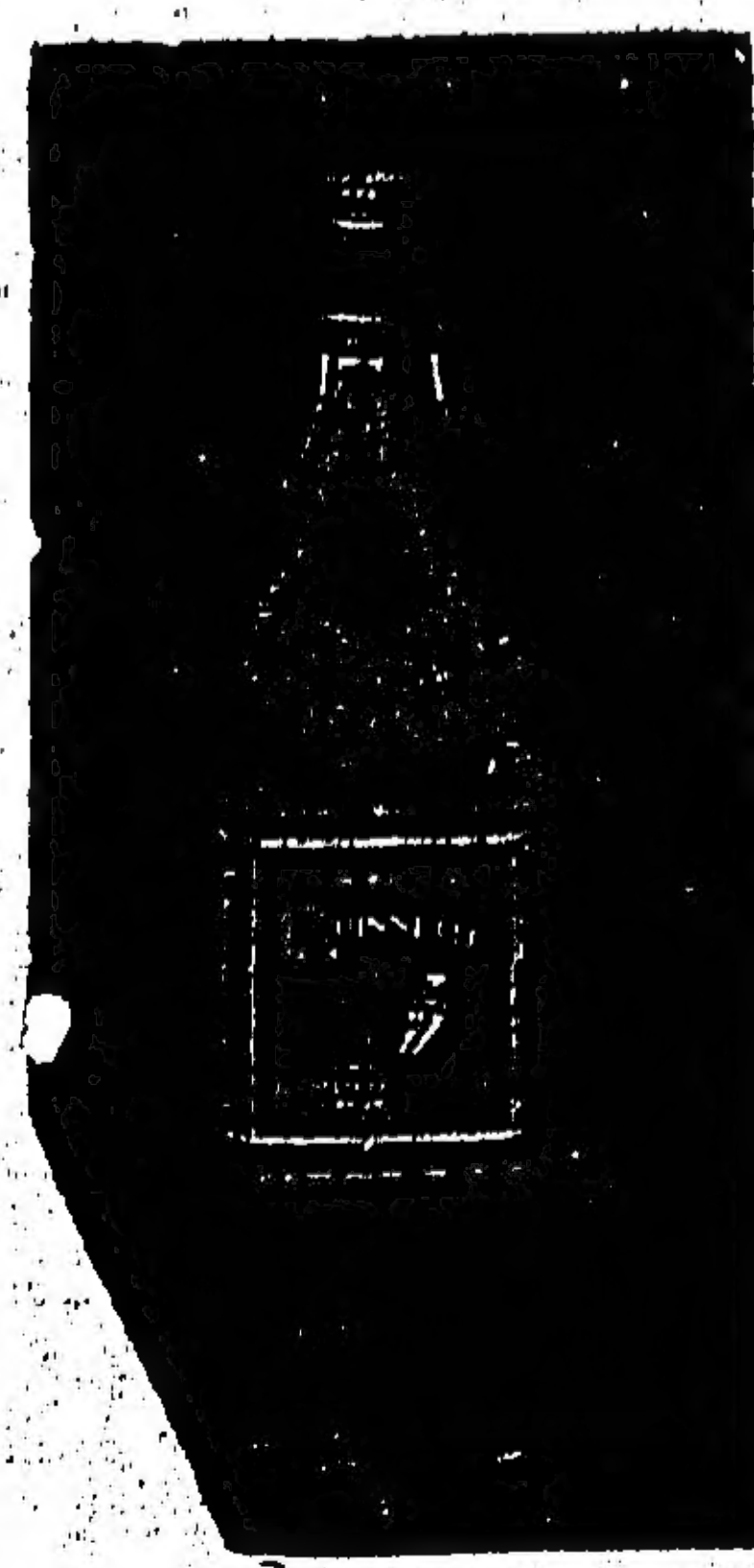
Softball fans, who have enjoyed their sparkling displays on the local diamond, and league players alike will join me in tendering sincere sympathy to the Chung Hwa Wildcats' Mar sisters who mourn the recent death of their mother, Mrs. Ben Mar whose kindly personality endeared her to all of the Chung Hwa boys who had the pleasure of meeting her since the family's arrival from Texas, some three or four years ago.

The winning hurler, Mary Louie, pitched superb ball, coming through the pinches in fine style, and although she conceded two free passes, finished with a bag of five strikeouts. Irene Pereira sacrificed to bring in Therese Noronha, while Portugal's other tally was scored by Celeste Marques. Margaret Oliveira did an excellent job at centre-field but, I believe, that she would have been much more valuable had she been played at her regular Windy Alley position, from whence she could have covered the Keystone sack which was left unguarded on several occasions.

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Marking one of the brightest spots in the year's cinematic entertainment, "Going Places" which comes to the Majestic Theatre for the week-end, is a highly hilarious farce with music, with Dick Powell and Anita Louise heading the cast.

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Thirteen passengers, including a woman and six R.A.F. men, escaped practically unhurt when part of a north-bound mail train plunged down an embankment at Redburn, near Tain, Ross-shire.

COMET OVER BROADWAY

"Comet Over Broadway," the Warner Bros. drama adapted from a Faith Baldwin story, opens at the King's Theatre today. The picture centres about a great actress, who, at the height of her career, deserts Broadway and fame for her husband and child.

Kay Francis, who plays this role in "Comet Over Broadway," expounded her philosophy on the subject of such sacrifices one day during the filming of the picture. In the picture, Kay's husband, John Littel, goes to prison, and Kay, taking along their two-year-old baby, goes out on the road as an actress to earn money to liberate him.

Signora Gina Mussolini, wife of Bruno Mussolini, the Duce's second son, gave birth to a baby daughter. The baby, their first, has been named Marina.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL
18—Tides: High 6.39 a.m. and 6.06 p.m.; Low 12.13 a.m. and 12.01 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.02 a.m.; Sunset: 6.45 p.m.
Vagabond Rotarians, Cafe de Chine, 1 p.m.
Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning, 10 a.m. Colony Tennis Championship. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Working Party, 3 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study, 216 Nathan Road, 10.30 a.m.
Chess Championship Continued.
St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship, 2.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Vicarage: Winter Food Relief Committee, 6 p.m.
Entries close for H.K. Hockey Assn. Six-a-Side Tournament.
St. John's Cathedral Hall: "At Home" to American Community, 8.30 p.m.
Cathedral Women's Fellowship: Address by Prof. Forster on "The Situation in Europe," 7.30 p.m.
Cheero Club: Darts, Table-Tennis, Billiards.
St. Andrew's Club: "Snap" Debate, 9 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Mtg., St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.; Speaker: Dr. Chiang-Mo-ling.
Vagabond Rotarians, Cafe de Chine, 1 p.m.
Seafarers' Dance at Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen, 9 p.m.
R.A.O.C. General Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.
H.K.P. Committee Meeting.
Busy Bees Knitting and Bandage-Making, Central Fire Station, 9.30 a.m.
R.N. Yard Police Recreation Room, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
19—Tides: High 7.15 a.m. and 7.19 p.m.; Low 12.57 a.m. and 1.08 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.01 a.m.; Sunset: 6.45 p.m.
Tung Ah Knitting Co., Ltd. Annual Mtg., 692, Shai Street, 3 p.m.
St. George's Day Gala Show, King's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club Cabaret Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.; Badminton and Mixed Swimming from 8 p.m.
Cathedral Women's Fellowship, Jumble Sale, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.
Indian School Sports, I.R.C. Colony Tennis Championship.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
20—Tides: High 7.50 a.m. and 8.20 p.m.; Low 1.33 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Sunrise: 6 a.m.; Sunset: 6.45 p.m.
R.E.O.C.A. Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
St. Andrew's Club, Hockey & Badminton Dinner, Church Hall, 7.30 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's Fourth Extra Race Meeting, 2.30 p.m. Supper Dance, H.K. Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Hockey Grand Finals, King's Park, 3 p.m.
Supreme Court: Criminal Sessions, 10 a.m.
"Barrel of Fun" at China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Chinese Play at Tai Ping Theatre in aid of B.W.O.F.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
21—Tides: High 8.30 a.m. and 9.18 p.m.; Low 2.15 a.m. and 2.50 p.m.
Sunrise: 6 a.m.; Sunset: 6.46 p.m.
H.K. Golf Club: Semi-finals of Adamson Cup due to be completed. Football League: Champions v. Rest. Military Band Concert at Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.—11 p.m.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 10 a.m.; Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
23—Army Inter-Unit Athletic Meet, Polo Ground, 9.30 a.m.
Inter-School Sports, Caroline Hill, D.O.B.A. Annual Mtg., 5.30 p.m.
Ladies Golf: Scotland v. Rest. Fanning.
St. John's Cathedral Hall: Diocesan Conference, 5.30 p.m.
Opening of New Building of H.K. Red Swastika Society, Eastern Terrace, Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Contract Bridge Class, 10 a.m.; General Meeting of Swimming Section, 8 p.m.; Badminton and Mixed Swimming, 8 p.m.
24—Army Inter-Unit Athletic Meet, Polo Ground, 9.30 a.m.
St. Paul's Girls' College Anniversary Celebrations, 5 p.m.
Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd. Annual Mtg., Lowe, Binsham and H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 11.30 a.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Badminton (all day).
25—Army Inter-Unit Athletic Meet, Polo Ground, 9.30 a.m.
H.K. Eugenics League, Annual Mtg., Gloucester Bldg., 6 p.m.
H.K. Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, 12 noon.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning, 10 a.m.
26—Sofball League Presentation Night Dance.
Inter-School Sports (Pinals), Caroline Hill.
Referees' Assn. Dance, Hotel Cecil.
R.A.O.C. Monthly Meeting—Speaker: Mr. Justice E. E. Lindell on "Meanings of Place Names in H.K." Diocesan Old Girls Assn. General Meeting and Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
Cheero Club: Concert, 9 p.m.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Badminton and Mixed Swimming from 8 p.m.

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London, Relays

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Reginald Foort at the Organ.
"Transatlantic Rhythm" Medley (Henderson and Others). The Wind Has Told Me A Story—Tango. Palace Theatre Medley—Intro: She didn't say yes (Cat and the Fiddle); Night and Day (A Gay Divorcee); You're the cream in my coffee (Hold Everything); Anything Goes (from same); Blue Room (The Girl Friend); Tea for Two (No. No. Nanette).
12.47 Tangos.
"Lorenzo (Bardi); Retinita (Arolas)—Orquesta Tipica; Francisco Canaro—Night of Love Divine (Dostal); Do You Like Dancing? (Rosen)—Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Primo Scala's Accordion Band. The Little Dog Laughed—Selection. Six Dance "Hits"—Intro: Laughing Irish Eyes; Sweetheart Let's Grow old Together; Riding the Range in the Sky; Is it True what they say about Dixie? At the close of a Long, long Day; At the Cafe Continental. Boo-Hoo (Heyman and Others).
1.18 Hawaiian Music.
Hilo, Hanalei (Halekalea); My Little Grass Shack in Kealahou (Noble and Others)—Kamui and Lulu with Vocal Effects; Farewell Hawaii (Bolterell and Others); Broadway's Gone Hawaii (Alm Love and Elises)—The Hawaiian Islanders with Vocal Chorus.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—When They Played the Polka; A Gipsy Told Me (Him Happy Landings)—Horace Heidt and His Alente. Brigadiers, Pasodoble—Trina; Slow Fox-Trot—Maria-Magdalena—Manolo Bel and His Muchachos. Fox-Trots—Joseph Joseph; Wholly Buy My Belchick; Emory Deutsch and His Orchestra; Waltzes—Flowery Path; Night in the Desert—Gino Bordin and His Hawaiian. Slow Fox-Trot—Allah's Holiday—The Six Swingers.
2.15 Close down.
2.45 Studio—Children's Hour.
2.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
2.47 The Don Cossack Choir.
"Cossack Song (Russian Folk Song—Jaroff); The Nightingale (Albini); The Song of the Turk Cossacks (arr. Jaroff); The Epic of Serge Jaroff's Don Cossack Choir (Schwedoff)—conducted by Serge Jaroff.
3.00 Rimsky-Korsakov—Le Coq d'Or Suite.
London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
3.30 London Relay—The News.
3.40 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
3.43 Studio—Recital by Barbara Gilmar (Soprano) with A. T. Lay at the Piano.
1. (a) The First Kiss (Sibelius, Op. 37; No. 1); (b) Berceuse (Jarmeloff); (c) Ritorno (Mclarin, Op. 24, No. 1)—Barbara Gilmar, 2. Coronach (Edgar Barrett)—A. T. Lay, 3. A Group of Hungarian Songs: (a) Cantele Hood and Kindly Smile (Gerene); (b) Little I care for Comely Blonds; (c) You Alone—Barbara Gilmar.
3.50 Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
You Were Unfaithful to Me; You Left Me, Don't Come Back; Far Goes the Crane; Down it Pours in the Puzzle. Hungarian Cossacks of George Nagy.
3.40 London Relay—"Scrapheap to Industry."
A talk on the conversion of waste materials into new products.
3.00 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
Menuett No. 1 (Paderewski); Coeur Brise (Gillet); Reminiscences of Grieg (Urbach).
3.15 London Relay—News Summary.
3.30 London Relay—"Vive la France."
3.45 Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby (film Hard to Get); This Is Madness—Russ Morgan and His Orchestra. Tangos—Twilight; Jingle Bells—E. Bohr's Argentine Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Smile and Sing Your Cares Away; I'm Singing A Song for the Old Folks—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me. Waltz—The Moon of Manakora (film "The Hurricane"); Quickstep—You Couldn't Be Outer (film Joy of Living)—Henry Jacques & His Strict

27—R.E.O.C.A. Social Evening.
St. Andrew's Club, Hockey and Badminton Dinner, Dance, St. Andrew's Hall, 7.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club, Mixed Seven-A-Side: Hockey Tournament, King's Park, 2.30 p.m.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
28—H.K. Golf Club, Adamson Cup Final due to be completed.
R.E.O.C. Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament, 2.30 p.m.
29—St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road: Lecture by Rev. W. P. McDonagh "The Faith in Europe."
30—H.K. Telephone Co., Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.
H.K. Agency for Netherlands Insurance Co., Ltd., to be discontinued.

Dance Tempo Orchestra. Fox-Trots—I've Got A Pocketful of Dreams (film Sing, you Sinners!). Good-Night, Little Skipper—Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.
10.15 Variety with Sophie Tucker, Reginald Dixon, Frances Day and Others.
Comedienne—He Hadn't By Till Yesterday (Mekill and Others); Aren't Women Wonderful? (Shapiro and Scott)—Sophie Tucker with Ted Shapiro and His Orch. Organ—Dixon Hits No. 27—Intro: Blue skies are round the corner; The Umbrella Man; Day Dreaming; Penny Serenade; The Dicky Bird Hop; The Chestnut Tree—Reginald Dixon. Vocal—Midnight and Music (film "Who's your lady friend?") Because you are you (Sonin and Taylor)—Frances Day (Soprano) with Orchestra. Piano—The Donkey Serenade (film "Piracy"); Rush Hour (Williamson)—Patricia Rosebrough. Vocal—The Yodelling Working Man (Van Dusen); It's Party Time Again (Van Dusen)—George Van Dusen with Orchestra. Organ—Dixon Hits No. 25—Intro: Says my heart; Now it can be told; Alexander's Ragtime Band; It's lovely; There's rain in my eyes; Everyone has a sweetheart—Reginald Dixon. Vocal—Why Must We Keep On Working? (Sarny and Holmes); Let Me Go Back To The Farm (Sarny & Holmes)—The Two Leslies with Orchestra.
11.00 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH
Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.
Trans II & III—News Summary 8.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 9.30 p.m.
do 12.00 mid-
night
Transmission V—News Summary 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)
Mondays—Background to the News 11.00 p.m.
Tuesdays—Background to the News 8.15 a.m.
In England Now 11.00 p.m.
Cards on the Table 8.00 p.m.
Wednesdays—In England Now 8.45 a.m.
Cards on the Table 8.15 a.m.
Matters of Moment 11.00 p.m.
Thursdays—Matters of Moment 8.45 a.m.
Background to the News 11.00 p.m.
Fridays—In England Now 11.00 p.m.
Saturdays—In England Now 8.45 a.m.
London Log 3.30 p.m.
London Log 11.15 p.m.
Sundays—London Log 6.45 a.m.

"BLACK MAGIC"

BACCHANALIAN ORGIES

An extraordinary case of so-called bacchanalian sorcery and black magic, which might have ended in tragedy if the police had not intervened, has been discovered in Avignon.
Neighbours complained of orgies carried on by a family of Italians from Calabria, consisting of four daughters and one son, between the ages of 13 and 27.
In order to invoke the return of one of the daughters who has eloped with a young Italian the family had recourse to local fortune-tellers and, inspired by memories of necromancy learnt in Calabria, abandoned themselves nightly to family orgies.

NAKED DANCE

When the police arrived one morning they found the family carrying out a bacchanalian naked dance, under the direction of the eldest daughter, Maria, who was brandishing pointed scissors. The son carried a lock of hair from the head of the sister who had eloped. The father lay on an improvised bier in a corner of the room, surrounded by lighted candles. He stated that he was encompassed by evil spirits and that he was going to die. On the table lay a loaded revolver.
All were suffering from superficial wounds, presumably from Maria's scissors, and all were in a state of ecstasy succeeded by exhaustion. They had not taken any food for several days. The family were quickly removed to hospital.

Mr. Basil Nield, a barrister on the Northern Circuit, has become Conservative M.P. for the City of Chester in succession to the late Sir Charles Cazyer. He was returned unopposed.

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Germany Being Taught Severest Lesson

Hitler "Stuck His Neck Out" In Norway

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—The Rio de Janeiro newspaper, O Jornal says that Germany is being taught the severest lesson of the war and her imminent defeat will have a great repercussion in Europe and Germany.

The article, which appeared on the front page, asserts that with British domination of the seas there is not further possibility of the Germans breaking the blockade.

The Jornal do Comercio emphasises the losses already sustained by Germany and asks where is the Russian alliance. The paper says that the remaining neutrals must now realise to which side to lean.

O Jornal also refuses to believe that Signor Mussolini will risk the prestige of Fascism in a conflict with the Allies or place Italian youth at the service of Nazi communist atheism.

The Belgrade papers today were most favourable towards the Allies since the war, the Narvik battle providing frontpage headlines.

The Nya Dagligt Allehanda of Stockholm says that the losses of the Navy were less serious than the high proportion of the German Navy which had already been destroyed.

NORWAY'S DETERMINATION
The Social Demokraten says: "The German action against Norway and Denmark was primarily intended to obtain bases against Britain but no one entertains the illusion that the occupation is only for the duration of the war and that is why Norway is determined to fight."

"Norway's success is dependent on Allied help which hitherto has been concentrated on striking at the German Fleet. The battles of the last few days have greatly reduced Germany's possibilities to protect her communication lines with warships."

"The British losses are smaller and the British Navy will not feel such losses."

The Sofia paper, Mir, reviewing the Scandinavian events, says: "While the first phase impressed the world with the speedy action of the Germans, the second phase gives a clearer picture and the attempted occupation may have negative results owing to impossibility to transport sufficient troops."

INVASION OF NORWAY
The American press, from April 12 to 15, had many editorials and took the view that Herr Hitler "stuck out his neck" by the invasion of Norway. There were frequent references to Traislar and the spirit of Nelson and Drake while all expressly and implicitly continue to condemn the German aggression.

The increased "unneutral" comment which arose from the invasion of Norway still continues and while it is not in great volume, it is linked with impatience at the cry "British propaganda is dragging us into the war."

Greenland still receives very considerable attention both in the news columns and comment. The general view seems to be following the President's lead that Americans would do well to keep their eyes open.

WHAT ABOUT HOLLAND?
Greenland is associated in several editorials with the need for increased provision for home defence and several columnists raise cognate questions, for example, the Dutch West Indies, supporting the Nazis invade Holland. Some papers view the future of Iceland also as a matter of concern for the United States.

A number of editorials pose the question of superiority of warplanes or battleships. If they venture an opinion most incline to the view that the battleship is showing itself superior.

The Stockholm correspondent of the New York Times, who saw German troops land at Narvik, describes how German soldiers he talked to "hoped, yet doubted that Germany had wrested control of the adjoining seas from Britain."

HITLER'S NIGHTMARE
The Herald Tribune supports President Roosevelt's speech as one which "Republicans as well as Democrats will applaud." The paper says: "Herr Hitler's nightmare always has been that once again, as in the case of Napoleon, Britain will organise Europe to suppress the attempt at domination of Europe."

Faced With Emergency

MORE MONEY FOR U.S. NAVY URGED

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Germany completed two new battleships recently and is building four more, according to a Navy Department statement to the Senate Naval committee, contending that the battleship remains the backbone of the fleet.

Naval authorities further gave the opinion that Germany's preponderance in air power had not seriously affected Britain's control of the world sea lanes. Admiral Stark told the Committee that the United States now faces an emergency situation and declared that Congress should appropriate another forty-five million dollars for the Navy in addition to the \$96 millions already voted by the House.

NEW ENVOY TO RUSSIA

CHUNGKING, April 17 (Central).—The Executive Yuan yesterday appointed Mr. Shao Li-tse Chinese Ambassador to the Soviet Union replacing Gen. Yang Chieh, who returned here recently.

The Yuan also appointed Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France, as China's special delegate to attend Portugal's forthcoming celebrations of her national independence anniversary, and Mr. Yorkson C. T. Shen, Chinese Minister to Panama, as China's special delegate to the new President of Costa Rica.

CHINESE SUCCESS IN SOUTH CHAHAR

CHUNGKING, April 17 (Central).—Reports from south Chahar state that the Chinese won a victory southeast of Yuhsten on the south Chahar border last week. The Japanese were dispersed, after some 800 of them were killed in action.

YANGTZE DRIVE CONTINUES

CHUNGKING, April 17 (Central).—The Chinese drive along the Yangtze River below Hankow continues. Their vanguards recaptured Chengkungtai, southwest of Huangmei, on Monday and are advancing on Lungping, east of Wusueh. Japanese troops at Wusueh and Tienchiachen are being rushed to Lungping by land and water to engage the Chinese.

Macheng, in northeast Hupeh, near the Honan border about 87 miles northeast of Hankow, has been recaptured by Chinese troops according to a report from the Hupeh front. Remnant Japanese fled to Sungtow, 85 miles northeast of Hankow, and the areas northwest and southwest of Macheng.

No Move At Present

BUT GREENLAND & ICELAND WATCHED

WASHINGTON, April 17 (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, at a press conference, following a conversation he had with State Department officials, stated that neither Britain nor Canada would move into Greenland or Iceland unless it seemed certain that Germany was about to seize them. Greenland, he said, might make a good air base for many but they could never maintain it. "We could give them a knockout blow there very easily."

Lord Lothian expressed the belief that Greenland clearly comes within the Monroe Doctrine, being within the Western Hemisphere. Lord Lothian predicted that the "navicert" system might be extended to the Pacific in order to prevent supplies from the American Pacific Coast reaching Germany via Russia.

NO PROTECTORATE
When Mr. Cordell Hull was asked at a Press Conference whether the United States would extend a protectorate over Greenland, he said he knew of no plan to do so. He, however, cited the President's recent description of Greenland as a land of the Western Hemisphere, thereby implying that Greenland comes within the scope of the Monroe Doctrine.

GERMAN APPEAL TO AMERICA

BERLIN, April 17 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office mouthpiece, Diplomatische Korrespondenz, last night appealed to President Roosevelt to withhold criticism of a "Germany defending her vital living space."

It suggested that America, having "succeeded with one exception in keeping imperialists out of the western hemisphere" should sympathise with Germany in her similar struggles.

CUTTING NORWAY INTO TWO?

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—The Germans advancing from Trondheim appear to be trying to cut Norway in two, according to the Finnish wireless. They were reported last night to be a few miles from Storlien, on the Swedish frontier.

The Norwegians, however, are stated to be still holding the fortress at Hægre, east of Trondheim.

SIXTY THOUSAND GERMANS

STOCKHOLM, April 17 (Reuter).—The total number of German troops in Norway is estimated at sixty thousand, according to a report from the Frontier quoting "trustworthy sources."

Nazis Shell Own Post

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—Reuter's correspondent with the French Army states that three small columns carried out a highly successful raid on a German position west of the Vosges, capturing some prisoners. Inside the post itself a hand to hand struggle occurred and on perceiving this the German artillery shelled its own position, without regard for the lives of the Germans who were fighting to defend it.

The increasing unhealthiness on the Western Front positions contrasts strangely with the relative calm of those in the front of Luxembourg and Belgium where a strange atmosphere of expectancy prevails, with the men always on the alert and transport, armoured cars and tanks in position ready for instant movement.

STREAM OF PLANES OVER OESTERDALEN

STOCKHOLM, April 17 (Reuter).—A continuous stream of German planes is passing over Oesterdalen, en route to Trondheim, states the Norwegian telegraph Agency who report that many of these had apparently taken off from Danish bases.

NEW HEALTH DIRECTOR

CHUNGKING, April 17 (Central).—Dr. P. Z. King was appointed by the Executive Yuan yesterday as Director of the National Health Administration succeeding Dr. F.C. Yen who has resigned on account of illness. Dr. James Shen was named deputy director of the Administration.

PUPPETS CAPTURED

HINGNING, April 17 (Central).—Three puppet officials were captured by Chinese guerrillas during an attack at a point north of Swatow on the night of April 10. Many casualties were inflicted during the three hour engagement.

CHINA FLEET CLUB THEATRE

SATURDAY, April 20,

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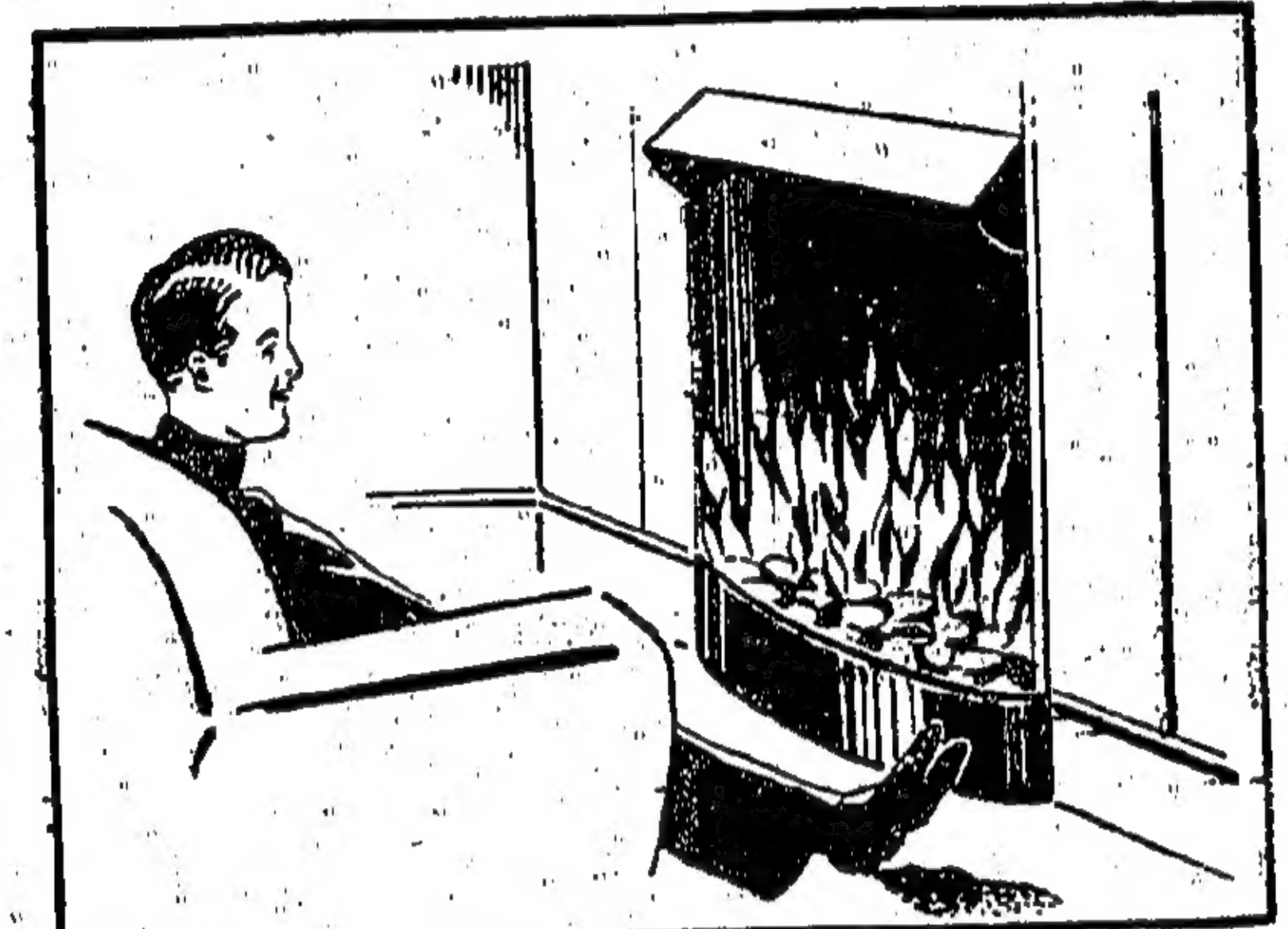
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- 4 Turning machines
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- 6 Free
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- 8 Widenings
- 11 At no time
- 12 Driving rain
- 15 Shield
- 16 One who owes
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DOWN: 2, Reprove; 3, Spite; 4, Strew; 5, Gains; 6, Shame; 7, Circle; 8, Limb; 9, Atom; 10, Asps; 11, Urge; 12, Twig; 13, Items; 14, Lantern; 15, Unless; 16, Flock; 17, Groat; 18, Verke; 19, Meter.

BOXER FUND DIRECTORS

CHUNGKING, April 17 (Central).—Dr. Chu Chia-hua, chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Administration of the Sino-British Boxer Indemnity Fund, Mr. Tseng Yang fu, Mr. Yen Te-ching, Mr. W. S. King and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, trustees, whose tenure of office has expired, were re-appointed by the Executive Yuan yesterday.

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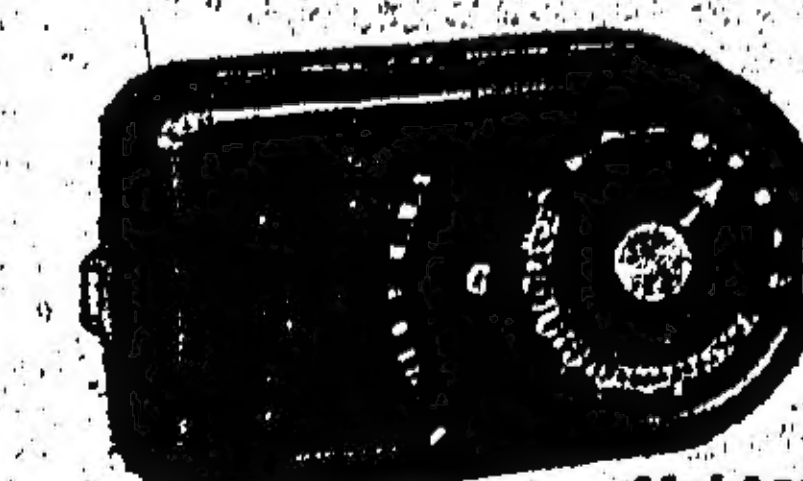


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RESTAURANT MANAGERS GIVE EVIDENCE IN MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL

Naval Officer Accused

Further evidence was recorded at the Central Court yesterday when KENNETH DUNCAN BRUCE, 24, a British naval officer, appeared on remand before Mr. R. Edwards on a charge of the manslaughter of LAM SHING-CHI in Apr. 4 in Hennessy Road.

THE DEFENDANT WAS REPRESENTED BY MR. D. BRITAIN EVANS WHILE MR. E. H. WILLIAMS, CROWN COUNSEL, APPEARED FOR THE PROSECUTION, ASSISTED BY TRAFFIC-INSR. S. C. SAUNDERS.

Mr. R. Bonnot, manager of Mac's Cafeteria, told the Court that he saw Bruce in the Cafe about 10 p.m. on Apr. 3. The defendant had a whisky dry at the bar. About 10.30 p.m. witness and three other officers left the Cafe for Repulse Bay Lido, arriving there about 15 minutes later. The defendant turned up and joined the party. While on the way to the Lido, witness was told that the defendant was following behind in a car, but could not say whether Bruce was at the wheel.

At the party, the defendant ordered a whisky just before dinner. He ordered a second drink but did not consume it. Bruce left about 11 p.m. after having taken soup. In witness opinion, Bruce was at that time, sober.

POINTED AT BOTTLES

Ko Wing-po, manager of the To Yuen Restaurant, West Point, said that about 1 a.m. on Apr. 4 he was at the counter when a European came in and pointed at bottles of wine indicating that he wanted to buy drinks. Witness produced a notice informing the customer that he was not permitted to serve Europeans. The European then shook hands with him and left.

The European, whom he could not recognise, was dressed in uniform of blue colour, and appeared to be very pleased when he read the notice. It was unusual, he said, for a customer to come in for few minutes and shake hands with him to say goodbye.

Cross-examined by Mr. Evans, witness said that the European walked perfectly steady from the lift to the counter and back again.

Liu Kam, rickshaw coolie, said that he picked up a Chinese passenger outside the To Yuen Restaurant about 1 a.m. about two weeks ago and proceeded towards the central district along Des Voeux Road.

STRUCK VEHICLE

A car came from behind and struck his vehicle on the left, damaging the mudguard. The car which was a black saloon, continued without stopping.

FOUND NOT GUILTY

Assault Summons Against C.R.O.

Chinese Revenue Officer Wong Fook, who was summoned before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday for assaulting a married woman, Chan Ying, was found Not Guilty and discharged.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the complainant, while Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the defence.

It was alleged that the defendant entered the complainant's room with a European officer and, after searching the premises, struck the complainant a blow in the eye.

ALLEGATION DENIED

At yesterday's hearing Wong Fook denied the allegation. He told the Court that during the search the complainant's husband attempted to run away. He caught hold of Lai Chi's arm and pushed him back. The complainant came forward and caught hold of his (defendant's) arm and struggled with him. He pushed her away and she fell striking her head against a table. The next he saw was the complainant lying on the ground holding her eye which was bleeding.

HEALTH RETURNS

Two cases of small-pox, four of diphtheria, three of measles, one of cerebro-spinal fever, two of dysentery and twenty-eight of tuberculosis were reported for the 24 hours ended at midnight on April 16.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS

Cassia Contracts Claim Concludes

The dispute over contracts for cassia between the Sang Wo Tai firm and the Holland China Trading Company, which led to an action in the Supreme Court in which the former claimed for payment of \$8,000 as balance due on the supply of 870 bales of cassia and for a declaration that they had discharged their liability under seven contracts, was decided yesterday when the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, gave judgment for the plaintiffs.

Mr. Eldon Potter K. C., instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin, was for plaintiffs, while defendants were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior.

The plaintiffs contended that the occupation of Canton made it impossible to deliver the 870 bales contracted for at due date, but by delivering the goods under an agreement dated June 9, 1939, they had performed their bargain in respect of the seven original contracts.

CONTRACT SEPARATE

Defendants alleged that the contract of June 9 last was separate and distinct from the other seven contracts and that plaintiffs were still liable to deliver the goods under the first seven contracts. Defendants had in respect of the seven contracts paid \$10,036.90 but refused to pay the balance of \$8,000.

After evidence given by Mr. P. H. Kilmanek, manager of the defendant firm and Mr. Wong Chuen-o, partner of the Sang Wo Tai, His Lordship said the only conclusion he could come to, after considering the evidence as a whole, was that the eighth document was not a fresh contract, but a variation of the seven previous contracts, making provision for increased price owing to extra transport costs, due to the occupation of Canton, and for extension of the time of delivery.

Judgment for plaintiffs on both claim and counter-claim, with costs, was given.

Marine Dealer In Court

A nominal fine of \$10 was imposed on a marine dealer, Chan Kwong, who pleaded guilty before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday to a summons for failing to register with the Police a lot of waste ground for the storage of scrap iron.

Mr. C. d'Almada, who appeared for the defendant, said that the mistake was made unintentionally as his client believed that he had already registered with the Land Office when purchasing the ground and was under the impression that he had done all that was required of him.

Detective-Sergeant R. McVey, who prosecuted, said that the defendant had been in the business since 1928. He failed to notify the police and consequently the piece of ground was never searched by Police. In view of the recent frequent theft of metals, he said, the Police had no means to trace the stolen goods.

THEFT FROM OFFICER

Charged with larceny of a rattan basket containing clothes and a pair of shoes, property of Lt. E. G. N. Brenner, R.N., a Chinese named Leung Fook-ki, 30, was sentenced to one month with hard labour by Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Defendant was arrested on information received by a Chinese detective in Battery Street on Tuesday afternoon. He admitted having stolen a basket with clothes and a pair of shoes from a private car, No. 6258, parked outside the Gas Company Show Room at the corner of Nathan Road and Jordan Road at about 2 o'clock the same day.

The stolen goods, except for one suit, were traced to the store of a marine hawker, Leung Long, 32, who had bought them for 80 cents. The marine hawker, who was charged with receiving stolen property, was fined \$10, in default a month with hard labour.

The complainant's name was found on one of the coats. The total value of the property stolen was given as \$12. The one suit not sold to the marine hawker was bought, it is alleged, by a paybroker, who will also be charged with receiving stolen property. Det.-Sergeant J. R. Sykes prosecuted the case.

"MR. LIANG" FINED

JAPANESE PREFERRED CHINESE NAME

Mutsuri Kawamura, 27, clerk, a Japanese subject, residing at No. 27, Conduit Road, was fined \$250 by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday for giving false information to the Hongkong Hotel while booking a room on Apr. 16.

He registered as H. C. Liang, and said that he thought it would be better to register as a Chinese than Japanese in Hongkong.

Detective-Sergeant Hill was checking up the hotel register when he came across the name H. C. Liang. He was making enquiries from the reception clerk when defendant happened to walk past the reception office and defendant was pointed out as "Mr. Liang."

Sgt. Hill, however, recognised the defendant as a Japanese.

Airport News

An Air France plane arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 3.45 p.m. from Indo-China. She brought the following passengers:—

Mr. J. Oudin, Mr. P. Jacomet, Mr. R. Gros, Mr. R. Goo, Mr. Grove and Mr. Ghandy.

CLIPPER ARRIVES TODAY

Pan American Airways California Clipper is due to arrive in Hongkong today and is scheduled to leave on her return flight tomorrow morning.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

The Imperial Airways mail plane from home is also expected at Kai Tak today, while the homeward plane is scheduled to leave on Sunday morning.

DEATH OF MR. TSANG FOOK

The death occurred at the Hongkong Sanatorium yesterday of Mr. Tsang Fook, at the age of 61.

The late Mr. Tsang was born in Hongkong in 1879 and in his early days he travelled widely, both in Europe and America.

The deceased was the proprietor of the well-known music store, Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Company, manufacturers of the Morrison pianos.

The funeral will take place today, the cortege arriving at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam, at 3 p.m.

THREE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Three weddings took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, the parties being:—

Mr. Nations Chen, sub-manager of the Hongkong China Products Company, and Miss Chow Wai-chun, of No. 141 Jaffe Road;

Mr. Soo Kim-sul, clerk, of No. 201 Cheungshawan Road, and Miss Wong So-lan, of the same address;

Mr. Gong Suey-nam, merchant.

NEWSETTES

The general meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section will be held on Tuesday next at 8 p.m.

Dr. Chiang Mon-ling will be the speaker at the Hongkong Y's Men's Club Tiffin meeting today at St. Francis Hotel.

Lady Noble will open the sale of work to be held at the school for the Deaf on Wednesday, May 8, at 3.30 p.m. There will also be a demonstration by deaf pupils.

The American Tennis Tournament of the C.S.C.C., which was cancelled owing to bad weather on Mar. 31, will be held on Sunday, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

Mr. A. J. Partridge will be the speaker at the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group on Sunday next at 9 p.m. The Rev. A. McLellan, M.A., B.D., will preside.

Mrs. E. G. Sellers, wife of Mr. E. G. Sellers, Managing Director, Muller and Phipps (Malaya), Ltd., Singapore, arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

An exhibition of paintings by Mr. Lin Hon-ming, former director of the National Art School of China, Hangchow, will be held at the Tang Chi Ngong School of Chinese Studies, Hongkong, University, from April 20, to 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

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YOUTH SENT TO GAOL

Noel Silvio, 21, a Portuguese youth, of Seychelles and locally of no fixed abode, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. Humsforth at Kowloon Court yesterday when he pleaded guilty to the larceny of three Philco Radio sets and a portable gramophone from Gilman's Showroom in Nathan Road.

Det.-Sergeant Nolan, prosecuting, stated that Silvio's fingerprints matched those found on the Showroom window, and he would ask that the charge of receiving stolen property against defendant would be amended to one of shop-breaking. Silvio pleaded guilty to the amended charge.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

B. ALVES,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th April, 1940.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1940, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1939, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 17th APRIL to 3rd MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,

General Manager.

Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	No. 4341	Between Kowloon City Road & Ha Kwang Road, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan	About 10,700	184	7,300

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	No. 4342	Nathan Road, opposite Row No. 1303, Mong Kok.	As per sale plan	About 3,990	72	17,820

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	No. 4343	Junction of Pau Chung Street and San Shan Road, Ma Tau Kok.	As per sale plan	About 6,918	138	6,163

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THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,

Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

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Fitting Up The B.E.F.

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Some details in regard to the remarkable exploits in the equipment of the British Expeditionary Force for Norway are now available.

It is pointed out that on the German side the invasion of Norway was worked out to the last detail during a period which must have lasted several months.

The British Command, however, had to make plans and take action at very short notice.

It had to decide for example where landings should be effected and how they were to be carried out, whether at a quayside or on sandy beaches.

FLimsy DETAILS

All the details had to be concluded on very meagre information and decided upon in outline before the British Expedition could start and before even the size and character of the troops required could be settled.

One point, which the British Command had to consider was the type of equipment required in view of the fact that some ships will be operating in the Arctic Circle.

The troops themselves were equipped with sheepskin coats, sealskin caps and blankets. Another minor point to be considered was the special type of engine oil required for the cold climate.

The impossibility of living on the country necessitated food supplies being sent with or after the troops.

It is emphasised that conditions do not allow of a large army being landed in a few days. The British Command will have to build up its force gradually.

FLOODS TAKE HEAVY TOLL

BUENOS AIRES, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—At least 34 persons were drowned in the floods which devastated the low-lying parts of Buenos Aires following violent rainstorms. Many others are missing. The floods are now receding.

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WHERE HITLER MISCALCULATED

WHAT WAS IT that made Herr Hitler embark on his invasion of Norway? If he was determined to ensure getting his iron ore from the minefields of Northern Sweden, why did he not launch his aggression against that country instead of attempting a campaign which has brought his skeleton naval strength into conflict with Britain's Navy? World opinion today remains more perplexed than ever in trying to find a reasonable answer to these questions. Perhaps, Herr Hitler himself is now wondering what made him commit such a folly. The vanity of the German Fuehrer is one of his weaknesses. He is surrounded by a party of "Yes Men," who play on this vanity by telling him how powerful he is and he has gradually acquired the mentality that he is always right. He has evidently begun to grow more and more contemptuous of his military and naval advisers, as witness the reported relegation to disgrace of Admiral von Raeder, who dared to point out to his fanatic leader the folly of Norwegian invasion.

HAS THE FUEHRER now realised the gravity of his blunder? With the greater part of his navy lying at the bottom of the sea, his merchant shipping crippled and his invading troops in Norway facing determined resistance from the newly-landed British troops—a fact which has greatly encouraged the Norwegians—and the certainty of now finding the inhabitants of Norway more than ever opposed to his aggression, Herr Hitler's predicament has assumed huge proportions. What must have influenced the Fuehrer most in his move against Norway was his determination to bring his aerial and naval operations closer to the shores of his arch enemy, England. The debacle which has overtaken his fighting units in the north, however, has caused a serious setback to these plans. Holland, then, as the next best move to vent his "Gott Strafe England" determination must be, a great temptation for the power-crazed German leader. Has he, however, learnt his lesson to keep away from any further contact with the Allied naval might?

WHILE THE ALLIED successes in Norway have greatly impressed the world and heartened every neutral country, it would be unwise for those who have placed their confidence in the Allied arms to expect quick and decisive results. The Nazi leader is as likely to remain stubborn in the face of defeat as he is defiant and unscrupulous when he has claimed an unfortunate victim. In these circumstances, Sweden's nervousness can be readily understood, despite the determination of her Government and people to resist any attempt to violate their territory. In such an eventuality and if Sweden appeals for Allied assistance, the British and French, with their new allies will be able to protect those all important minefields which Herr Hitler is so desperately anxious to seize and yet another problem will loom before the Fuehrer.

IF HERR HITLER realises his inability to extend his lines of communication and fighting front in time, or, at least, if his advisers are final-

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

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A well balanced programme of selections from prominent composers, among them Tschalkovsky and Archangel'sky, and of hymns arranged by the Director, Mr. J. A. Diakoff, was much appreciated by the large audience of more than 200 who attended the Concert of Sacred Music by the Russian Orthodox Church choir of 26 voices at St. Andrew's Church Hall last night.

The concert was the first given by the choir of the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Hongkong, in several years. Proceeds were in aid of the Church Building Fund and the British War Organisation Fund.

PART ONE

God with us (Isiah 3.18)—Composed by Stokline; Prayer to God the Holy Ghost—Rev. Solomon; Angel's song (Prayer)—P. Tchal-kovsky; Nunc Dimittis—Archangel'sky; By the waters of Babylon—Znamenny; Hymn from Great Canon—Greek melody; The Pious Joseph (Hymn)—Bulgarian melody; Hark! to my Prayer, O Lord!—Archangel'sky.

PART TWO

Glory be to God in the Highest—Composed by Stokline; Hymn—Arranged by J. A. Diakoff; Chant de Cherubin—Simanoff; Hymn (The Holy Liturgy)—Archangel'sky; Repentance (Hymn)—Arranged by J. A. Diakoff; The Christmas Hymn—Degeroff; Te Deum—Archangel'sky; The Longevity—Turchaninof.

JUNK STOPPED BY PIRATES

Wolfram Ore, Pigs, Fowls Stolen

So Wu, master of trading junk No. 4492W, reported to the police on his arrival yesterday that whilst on a voyage from Ha Chung, near Sha-ng-chung in Chinese territory, to Hongkong on April 14, his boat was stopped by pirates who robbed him of the entire cargo, consisting of Wolfram ore, fowls and pigs, valued at \$1,155.

So and his three foks were halted by seven armed men, who approached his junk in a small boat near Lungshunwan. The pirates put the crew in the hold and sailed to Hak Ngam Kok, where the cargo was transferred ashore.

The crew, who were also taken ashore, were freed, and they made their way to Hongkong yesterday.

Curiously, So's junk was later found at Aberdeen. Of a sum of \$720 hidden in various places in the hold, \$130 was found to be missing.

MEETING BANNED

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The military authorities have banned the Nazi meeting to be held at Zutphen today. Herr Mussert, chief of the Dutch Nazis, was to have spoken on "End of the Democracies."

ly able to prevent him from increasing his difficulties in Scandinavia, the chances are that he might attempt yet another spectacular move in the Balkans. Rumania's decision to limit her oil exports to Germany will undoubtedly be turned into an excuse for demanding that Yugoslavia and Rumania place themselves under the protection of Greater Germany. It is here that Italy's attitude will have to be made clear. Will she allow her interests to be threatened or will Il Duce be misled by Nazi promises into acquiescing in the plan? And how far will the Nazi agree-ment with the Soviet hold together in South-Eastern Europe? However, the situation is analysed, Herr Hitler's miscalculations have already cost him dearly and another false step would spell inevitable defeat for the Fuehrer's Napoleonic dreams of European dominion. In fact, the ending of the first round in definite favour of the Allies has brought the overthrow of the Nazi terror even closer than most people imagine.

Laws Of War Are Needed Even More Than Before

Informal Talk Given By Dr. Lin Wo-chiang

Telling present-day instances of the flagrant violation of International Law were given by Dr. Lin Wo-chiang, M.A., J.D., in an informal talk at the English Forum on the "Laws of War" yesterday evening.

In referring to the indiscriminate bombing of civilians and non-combatants in China by the Japanese, the sinking of neutral merchant shipping by Germany without warning, Dr. Lin said these were examples of the violation of International Law and moral law. All these were forbidden by the Laws of War.

On the other hand, there were instances where International Law was violated without violation of moral law, but in such cases there was a technical violation of International Law. The Altmark incident was given as one instance of this in which Britain and Norway were concerned.

Britain, in order to prevent Germany from carrying out a scheme injurious to her within the territorial waters of Norway, entered these waters and rescued some 250 British prisoners on board a German ship homeward bound.

TIMELY AND TOPICAL

Dr. Lin opened his address by saying that the question of the Laws of War was both timely and topical as there were two wars going on now, one in the Far East and the other in Europe.

The Laws of War deferred from ordinary law in that they were concerned with States and not with individuals. It may sound rather unethical to say that war was the final arbiter of right and wrong, but then he was dealing with the question of International Law and not with international morality.

Dr. Lin gave a brief resume of the history of International Law. He said it had its first customs and usages in the early days of Greece when it was the practice to send heralds to declare war against an enemy nation. But it was not until the 16th and 17th centuries that writings on the subject were first published.

The Law developed on international customs and usages and now in the 20th century, with war being conducted on such horrible and devastating scale, it would appear that the Laws of War are needed even more than before.

"Dr. Lin is an authority on International Law, and is the first Chinese scholar to have made a special study on Aviation Law both in America and Europe. He received his education at the University of Chicago, and Cambridge University.

IRREPARABLE MUTILATION OF THE GERMAN FLEET

PARIS, April 17 (Reuter).—"After eight days of fighting the first result is the massive, irreparable mutilation of the German fleet," declared M. Paul Reynaud, the French Prime Minister, speaking in the French Senate last night.

"Its losses amount to 30 per cent. of its heavy tonnage damaged, 20 per cent. of its cruisers sunk, 25 per cent. of its destroyers sunk and 15 per cent. of its destroyers damaged, without counting several U-Boats that have been sunk."

Secondly, 78,000 tons of German merchant shipping have been sunk or captured during the same period."

NO ALLIED LOSSES. M. Reynaud adds that the loss in Allied merchant shipping, over the same period, has been nil.

"The third result is that the iron route to Germany has been cut. The fourth is the enormous setback for Germany and defeat not only for her Navy but also for her propaganda."

NOT ANOTHER HACHA

After a moving reference to King Haakon, who M. Reynaud declared refused to be another Hacha, the French Premier said that Allied troops had disembarked and added that "more troops were on the way."

Following M. Reynaud's speech the Senate adjourned after agreeing to go into a Secret Session only on the reports by the Army, Navy and Air Force Committees.

FIRM REJECTION

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 17 (Havas).

The Mexican Government's reply to the American Note suggesting that the oil dispute be settled by arbitration will be a firm rejection, based on clauses in international law, according to well-informed circles.

Monsters Of Wickedness

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—When speaking to the National Free Church Council here today, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said, "Since this latest outrage of those monsters of wickedness in Germany who seem to have shut the gates of mercy upon mankind all my thoughts have been occupied with a view to counter that stroke."

"It is becoming clearer every day that our fight against Nazism is just part of an eternal war between right and wrong."

"Every day that passes gives some new demonstration of Germany's utter disregard of religion, mercy, truth and justice."

CONFIDENCE REPEATED. "If the Germans were to triumph in what they are doing, then every fortress that has been built by civilisation upon the principles of Christianity would go down, and the world would relapse into that barbarism which only a little time ago we thought had been buried under centuries of progress."

"They will not go down. Only a short time ago, I declared that I felt ten times as confident as at the beginning of the war of the ultimate victory."

"I repeat that confidence now."

GERMAN SAVAGERY

"Every victim that has felt the weight of Germany's savagery adds millions to those who have already condemned her because every act of hers makes it even more unmistakably clear that no people, however meek and peaceful or however harmless, can be safe until this mad dog is destroyed."

"Germany has made many miscalculations but none greater than this."

"This war will be won by the spiritual forces of the world as much as by the material power of their brave defenders."

"I appeal to you with confidence to give us your aid to crush the powers of tyranny and wickedness for ever."

Last Chance For King Haakon

BUT NAZI THREATS MEAN NOTHING TO HIM

BERLIN, April 17 (Reuter).—Germany yesterday gave King Haakon "one last chance" to capitulate to the German occupation "or face the life of a hunted exile."

The Puppet Oslo Government are making a final effort to communicate with him and try to persuade him to return to the Capital.

They decided that his collaboration is essential "to the welfare of the people."

From the Nazi point of view, King Haakon is faced with the alternatives, "throne or exile." According to the Official German News Agency, King Haakon is being "dragged along like a prisoner by a rump Cabinet, without a chance to learn what is the real situation in Norway."

It is admitted in Berlin that the Puppet Government is only able to exercise power over the German-occupied areas, and that in the north King Haakon may be able to rally the Norwegians for a stand, "especially if the British land at Narvik."

LIES TO PREPARE GERMAN PUBLIC FOR UNWELCOME TRUTH Nazi Propaganda Again Misfires Badly

Canadian Troops Serving In Norway Fronts

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—The German public is still being told that the Allies have not landed in Norway, and that Narvik is still in German hands, although the German propaganda squad is careful to hint that something is afoot.

The British landing took place yesterday at many points held by the Germans, the official communiqué said yesterday.

Official statements also maintain that the situation of the Germans in the far north is unchanged but go on to say that Allied ships are standing ready for an attempted landing. By delicate steps the Nazis are preparing the way for bad news.

Meanwhile there is continued stress on the superior force that the German Navy is meeting in an attempt to prove that Narvik is useless. Anyway, this is of course far from the case for who ever holds Narvik hold both the inward and outward route to the iron-ore mines.

The capture of Narvik is confirmed in a special Norwegian broadcast, from the B.B.C. which reveals that matters of detail have already been arranged between the Allies and the Norwegians. For instance, the Norwegians have been asked to accept British and French coinage while prices are fixed at the Norwegian level and billeting rates at the British level.

GERMAN TROOPS REACH SWEDISH FRONTIER STN.

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The thoroughness of the preparations for the German onslaught on Norway is now being revealed and the fact that agents were waiting at landing places to put themselves at the disposal of the German troops on arrival has served to put other neutrals on their guard.

ON THE ALERT

In south-eastern European countries, in particular, the authorities are stated to be on the alert and are carefully watching the movements of possible German agents.

The similarity of the technique adopted by Germany towards Norway to that employed in earlier aggressions, is noted in The Times which recalls that Ribbentrop preceded the invasion of Poland by a diatribe against the Polish Government for rejecting "reasonable terms" which in fact they had not yet even seen.

A very similar method seems to have been used against the Norwegians. In the small hours of Tuesday morning last week the Nazi Minister in Oslo presented himself at the Foreign Office with a series of twelve demands with which it was urgent that the Norwegian Government should instantly comply. In consideration of their acceptance, it appeared that the Nazis would "protect" Norway against the alleged diabolical designs of Great Britain and France since Germany "still tried to defend the rights of neutral countries."

THE ONLY RIGHT

"From a study of the text of the ultimatum to Norway it appears that the only right of neutral countries is the right to object to servitude under the Nazi heel and the Norwegian Government, representing, as they do, free people, naturally rejected the terms with contempt. But what shows familiar technique is the timetable."

"Dr. Bauer presented the Nazi demands at five o'clock in the morning. German warships had already been sighted at midnight and fighting had begun between them and the Norwegian coast defences soon after half-past three. In fact, the Cabinet was already assembled at the Foreign Office to discuss the conduct of the war in being before Dr. Bauer arrived with the conditions on which the Nazis were prepared to preserve peace. There is no reason why any further victims should be taken in."

GERMANS LAUNCH ATTACK

PARIS, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—A French communiqué says that on the part of the front held by British troops, the enemy launched an attack prepared and accompanied by artillery fire. The attack was repulsed and the enemy suffered serious losses.

In the region of the Saar our artillery fired on enemy organisations, and the activity of our reconnaissance units reached up to East Vosges.

Chinese Shell Nanchang

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—Following counter-attacks by their vanguards, the Chinese forces gained a position four li from Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi and are now subjecting the city to heavy artillery fire, according to a report from Chungking to the Sinwampao. Many small towns on the outskirts of Nanchang have been recaptured by the Chinese who are rapidly closing in on the city on all sides, the journal reports.

Foreign Help Not Wanted

HOLLAND STANDS QUITE ALOOF

AMSTERDAM, April 17 (Reuter)—Suggestions regarding foreign help for Holland's overseas possessions, should the Mother Country be invaded, are firmly rejected in responsible circles.

Should Holland be overrun the East and West Indies will simply be part of Holland that has not been conquered, it is stated.

The Telegraph writes that should unexpected events in Europe result in breaking connection with the Netherlands Indian Government, the latter is quite capable of continuing to administer the Indies without help or protection.

The East Indies possess a fleet and an army whose strength it would be unwise for any power to underestimate.

D.E.I. INTEGRITY GUARANTEED

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 17 (Havas)—An official Note published in the press points out that the Dutch Indies have their own government and their integrity was guaranteed at the Washington Conference in 1922, in particular by the United States and Japan.

In the presence of menaces which may threaten this "Dutch crown jewel," the Dutch Government has considered several measures.

Firstly, the general reinforcement of the army and navy stationed in the Indies.

Secondly, should Holland be drawn into the war, to confer on the Indies greater administrative autonomy.

Numerous efforts have been observed in Holland to interest the United States in the fate of the Dutch possessions.

Queen Wilhelmina and the Foreign Minister, as well as the Indies Government, have recently addressed radio messages to the American people.

IF BELGIUM GOES TO WAR

BRUSSELS, April 17 (Reuter)—Enthusiastic cheers were accorded M. Spaak in his speech in the Senate in which he emphasises Belgium would defend herself if attacked.

One condition on which we should go to war, would be to save our independence, he declared.

If Belgium were dragged into the war she would undergo hardships more tragic than those of any other belligerent nation. He pledged to do the utmost to spare Belgium that misfortune which she did not deserve.

fifty miles north of Narvik, but in this district the movement of troops is severely restricted by the mountains and snow, so no military importance can be attached to the landing."

WELL-SEASONED

It is understood that the B.E.F. in Norway includes regiments from all parts of the British Isles. All are well-seasoned troops.

CANADIANS IN NORWAY

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—It is officially confirmed that the Canadian-French troops are with the British Forces in Norway. The Expedition represents largely the Force organised for Finland, with all the special equipment prepared for the weather severities expected in the campaign there. The Expedition, many members of which are volunteers, was rapidly reformed after the German invasion of Norway.

Position Of Norway

FROM THE MILITARY POINT OF VIEW

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—Principal comment in today's Press is the strategic position of Norway. These comments were made by military correspondents.

The Daily Telegraph says: "The Allies had no easy problem. Fortunately the gallant assistance of the Norwegians eliminated many difficulties. The selection of suitable points of disembarkation was an important element in the Allied plan. Protection of the expedition in the passage means the provision of an adequate naval escort and concentration of ships. It is an amazing achievement to despatch and equip a strong and properly-equipped expedition within a week of the first warning."

NO OFFICIAL NEWS

The Times says: "The Germans are still not fully informed about the British landings. It is probable that no official news will be issued till the enemy is obviously identified at the landing places. Even then, information will be meagre."

The Daily Telegraph, in a leader says: "The German mind, evidently, is in no state to be trusted with the news that the great aerodrome of Stavanger is bombed again by wave after wave of British aircraft. Success of the raid will shatter the German delusions that their air strength can avert the penalty of disaster of an overseas expedition undertaken without command of the sea."

STIFFENING UP THE SMALL NEUTRALS

The News Chronicle says: "An important consequence of the Allied successes in Norway is an immediate stiffening among the small neutrals. Every fresh achievement will brace them up more to resist Nazi pressure."

A Times leader compares the technique of the ultimatum to Poland and the "protection" offer to Norway. "What shows the familiar technique is the timetable. Dr. Brauer presented his demands at five o'clock in the morning. German warships were already sighted at midnight, and fighting was begun between them and Norwegian coast defences soon after 3.30 a.m. The Cabinet had already assembled to discuss the conduct of the war in being even before Dr. Brauer arrived with the conditions on which the Nazis were to preserve peace."

The Times also comments that Russia has done Germany a bad turn over this because the Allies could not have sent a trained expeditionary force so quickly if one had not been prepared for Finland some months ago.

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How foolish that boast reads today.

Commenting on the sudden influx of German tourists into the Balkans, The Times says that it is a gross violation of international good manners under which these men were given diplomatic passports or papers stating that they were attached to official missions. In Yugoslavia a number of arrests have been made of people suspected of being connected with the Gestapo.

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German Planes Set Ablaze

AIR RAIDS ON STAVANGER

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter)—Additional details of the raid on Stavanger show the aerodrome was subjected to intensive air attacks for over an hour.

Aircraft arriving on the scene after the raid had begun were able to identify their target when many miles out at sea from the fires which had been started in earlier attacks.

Over Stavanger a red glow suffused the sky and aircraft could be seen blazing fiercely at the southern end of the aerodrome.

GROUND DEFENCES

Direct hits were obtained on runways, a heavy bomb burst close to the civil aerodrome and the control tower, and another started a fierce fire nearby.

Aided by the light of the moon the bombers traversed the aerodrome in successive waves destroying aircraft and buildings. They pitted the surface of the aerodrome with bomb craters.

The ground defences put up an opposition and the searchlights strove vainly to hold the bombers as they approached singly from different angles to launch the attack.

The light anti-aircraft batteries set up a barrage over the centre target. Despite opposition from the ground defences all the British aircraft returned to the base safely.

Quislings Galore

LONDON, Apr. 16 (Reuter)—One feature of the German invasion of Norway which has attracted special attention is the use of Norwegian Nazis within the country.

The Times heads an article with "Quislings Everywhere" and goes on to explain this by saying that there are Quislings in every country of Europe who have been primed beforehand to prepare for Nazi invasion.

The "Glasgow Herald" says that Russian Bolshevism first developed this system which the Nazis have now developed.

BAD TURN TO RUSSIA

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STERN OPPOSITION FROM JAPANESE EXPECTED

Shanghai Ratepayers To Vote On Increased Taxation

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—Thousands of British, American and Japanese, as well as members of the minority nationalities in the International Settlement, are expected to turn out for the annual Municipal Council Ratepayers' Meeting this afternoon.

The meeting will be held at the Race Club and it is expected that the Japanese will vigorously oppose the Municipal Budget, providing for a fifty per cent tax increase.

If the Japanese succeed in stopping the passage of the Budget it will mean that the Municipal Council will be faced with the task of revising the Budget and seeking other means besides tax to defray the expenses for the year.

However, an easy passage of all the resolutions to be put before the meeting is forecast in official circles of the Municipal Council.

The Japanese Residents' Association held a meeting last night to plan an organised opposition to the Budget and tax increase measures, but Council officials feel confident that the opposition will be overcome because a large turn-out of British and American voters is assured, as was the case during last week's election of Council members.

If the Budget resolution is defeated by the Japanese voters, it is probable that confusion in the Municipal Government would result.

It is only by the passage of the measure that the Council can raise funds to pay the police, firemen and other public services. If the resolution is defeated it is believed that no bank would advance a loan to keep the Municipality running for another year unless assurances are forthcoming from foreign Powers.

Between six to eight thousand voters are expected to attend the meeting.

BRUSSELS, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—According to reports from Namur, many inhabitants of Luxembourg fear an attack may be directed against Namur. It is reported that the Germans put out 21 long pontoons in the Moselle and a large number of German "tourists" recently entered Luxembourg.

Meanwhile, observers point out that the Nazi will not be able to conceal for long from the German population the defeats in Scandinavia and will attempt a blitzkrieg action in south-east Europe to regain lost prestige.

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TECHNICAL ERROR PLEA

W. A. Hollwig, of Messrs. Hodges and Co., was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday for failing to make a declaration to the Import and Export Department regarding the import of 10 cases of saccharin into the Colony.

The defendant pleaded guilty and said that it was a technical mistake.

He explained that in former years, when goods were imported to Hongkong, the bill of lading was sent to the bank while the goods were taken delivery of by Messrs. Shirley and Co., distributors. The system changed in 1939 and the bill of lading was sent direct to him though delivery was still taken by the distributors. He sent the bill of lading to the bank and was under the impression that Messrs. Shirley and Co., had made the necessary declaration.

A nominal fine of \$10 was imposed.

SHIPPING FIRM FINED

Remarking that at the present times strict observation must be made in the Registration Regulations, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, at the Central Court, yesterday, imposed a fine of \$200 on Messrs. Jensen and Company, a shipping concern, for failing to submit to the police a list of names of non-Chinese passengers who departed the Colony on Mar. 16.

Detective-Sergeant Hill, of the Registration Office, said that the Company was pressed for the list which was not submitted till two weeks after the departure of the ship. The fact was that two aliens left on board the ship without the police knowing about it.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, who pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant firm said that it was an unintentional mistake on the part of the clerk.

WAR CAUSES DECLINE IN HOTEL TRADE

But H.K. & Shanghai Hotels Have Satisfactory Year

The drop of some \$113,000 in the gross profits of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Co., Ltd. for 1939 in comparison with that for the previous year, was attributed, so far as the Hongkong establishments are concerned, to the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, in the early part of September last year and the consequent decline of the tourist business in the Colony.

This was mentioned by Mr. J. Scott Harston, chairman of directors, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts for 1939 at the annual general meeting held yesterday.

Mr. Scott Harston said that the balance of working account for 1939 was \$980,143.91 and he considered it by no means unsatisfactory in the light of conditions under which trading was conducted during the period under review, although it compared unfavourably with the same item credited at \$1,073,691.13 in the account for the previous year.

TOURIST TRADE CRIPPLED

The chairman referred to the death of Mr. Edward Osborne, former member of the Board of Directors, who passed away in the Spring of last year.

Continuing, Mr. Scott Harston said, in part:—

With the advent of the War in Europe, however, tourist business ceased altogether in Hongkong, and, moreover, a marked reduction in the volume of shipping here from Europe and other parts of the world immediately followed.

The consequent heavy decrease in the number of passenger arrivals in the Colony affected most adversely the volume of business we usually derived from all classes of transient visitors.

Nevertheless I am pleased to be able to state that the volume of local support accorded our various Restaurants, Ball Rooms, and Cafes in Hongkong reveals an increased preference during the year 1939 on making comparison with results for 1938.

In connection with the Company's activities in North China during the year 1939, the operation of the Palace Hotel for that period affords a very pleasing result. Although that Establishment has constituted a popular rendezvous in Shanghai over a long period, it has during 1939 (stimulated by various improvements made to guest accommodation and to public rooms during the year) achieved results of a record standard.

DETERIORATION IN EXCHANGE
Unfortunately, the further deterioration in the exchange value of Shanghai currency which occurred last year, offset to a material extent the advantage of increased earnings when conversion thereof had to be made to Hongkong currency for merger in the general accounts.

With regard to the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai, you will recollect I reported to you at our last Annual Meeting that the Hotel and its contents had been leased for a term of three years from the first of January, 1939. I am now able to inform you that such tenancy arrangements have worked smoothly up to date, and that a satisfactory income accrued therefrom during the year 1939 for embodiment in the year's Working results.

The Hotel in Peking operated by our subsidiary Company continues to show excellent results, and in respect of its last financial year ended on June 30, 1939, furnished a record profit. Here also the severe depreciation of the Chinese National Currency deprived the parent Company of a substantial portion of the benefit in respect of its holding.

WELCOME INCREASE

The item "Dividend on Investments" shown in the Profit and Loss Account at \$20,834.56 includes \$20,647.08 in respect of the dividend (at the rate of P.3.00 per Share) on the Company's holding in the Grand Hotel des Wagon-Lits, Ltd. as against a dividend amounting to \$18,870.87 from the same source in 1938. Although a welcome increase is thus shown, it must be pointed out that the rates of the dividends declared in respect of the years ended June 30, 1938, and 1939, were P.41.25 per Share, and P.33.00 per Share, respectively, so that the actual net increase of only some H.K.\$1,800.00 appears meagre—this being due, as I have already shown, to the depreciation in the Chinese National Currency.

Other items in the Profit and Loss Account are normal and do not appear to require comment from me with the exception of "Bad and Doubtful Debts Written Off" in the sum of \$22,323.58.

which charge is some \$8,600.00 in excess of the like provision made in the Accounts for the previous year.

DROP IN PROFIT

The net Profit earned over the financial year 1939 is \$683,558.16—a drop of some \$127,000.00 when compared with the net result for 1938—and on bringing forward the sum of \$317,560.44 carried over from the 1938 Accounts an amount of \$1,001,118.60 is available for appropriation.

After referring to certain items in the Balance Sheet, Mr. Scott Harston, continuing, said:—Although it is difficult to endeavour to forecast future prospects, I can state that during the first quarter of the current year our Hotels in the North have been doing business to full capacity, but, as you know, the offset of exchange deterioration has worsened since the turn of last year. Hongkong Establishments during that period have derived from passenger arrivals in the Colony an improved business over that for the last quarter of the year 1939, but I would emphasise that the volume thereof falls far short of the standard to be expected in the first quarter of the year in normal times.

STAFF THANKED

At this juncture I desire to record an expression of sincere appreciation of the good work done by the various members of the Staffs of the Company, and of our subsidiary Company, in Hongkong, Shanghai and Peking, including the Company's Agents in the Northern Cities, and especially including Mr. Suckling, our General Manager, who was in charge of the Company's interests during the absence of our Managing Director, Mr. Taggart, last summer, all of whom have throughout the year devoted themselves assiduously to the interests of the Company in times of exceptional difficulty. I feel that in so doing I will receive your hearty endorsement, and I have no doubt that you will ratify your Directors' recommendation.

In conclusion he proposed the balance of \$1,001,118.60 standing at credit of Profit and Loss Account be appropriated as follows:—Pay a Dividend of 50 cents per share on 1,193,867 Shares \$596,933.50. Transfer to Repairs and Renewals Account \$37,124.54. Payment of Bonus to European Staff \$31,113.36. Carry Forward to New Account \$233,947.20.

The report and accounts were duly adopted.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The appointment of Mr. A. Morse to the Board was duly confirmed and Messrs. E. M. Raymond retiring Director, was re-elected. Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Flemming were re-appointed auditors.

Mr. J. Scott Harston presided and was supported by the following directors, Mr. E. M. Raymond, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. A. Morse, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. P. H. Suckling (General Manager) and Mr. F. C. Barry (Secretary).

Shareholders present were: Messrs. E. O. Murphy, Wong Man-ching, C. N. Kong, H. G. Gittins, J. P. Sherry, M. H. Lo, S. H. Ross, Fung Kwok-wa, T. R. Parsons and C. C. Blake.

POLICE DESERTER CHARGED

Convicted of a charge of desertion from the Hongkong Police Force on November 18, 1924, more than 15 years ago, a Chinese named Leung Sam was sentenced to a month with hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Convicted also of the larceny of an army overcoat and a macintosh, Leung was further sentenced to another two months' hard labour.

A charge of assault on a man named Wu Ping-hing at Spring Garden Lane, Victoria, on October 15, 1924, was withdrawn at the request of Det. Sgt. Allen, prosecuting, who explained that the complainant in the case could not be found.

A.R.P. ORDERS

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Pearking, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

APPOINTMENT

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, under instructions from the Right Honourable, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to appoint Mr. Bruce Hale Puckle, D.S.O., to be Assistant Director of Air Raid Precautions with effect from January 22, 1940. (Authority, Government Gazette Notification No. 397 dated April 12, 1940).

BLACKOUT EXERCISE

The Director of Air Raid Precautions wishes to thank all ranks for their fine co-operation during the blackout and for the efficient and tactful manner in which they all carried out their duties.

A.R.P. ARMLETS AND CAR PENNANTS

The armbands issued to Warden for use during the recent blackout exercise must be collected by Divisional Wardens and kept on their charge pending re-issue on future occasions.

Car Pennants issued to A.R.P. personnel must be returned to the A.R.P. Office.

TRAINING

Instructors' Class in English (Syllabus "A")—Club Lusitano, Wed. and Fri. at 5.45 p.m. commencing on Wednesday, April 24, 1940. Lecturer:—Mr. R. P. Dunlop, B.Sc. Names of candidates wishing to attend should be submitted to the A.R.P. Office on Monday, April 22. The class will be limited to 12 students.

Wardens' Classes in Chinese (Syllabus "A"), Hongkong—Tak-koo Sugar Refinery Chinese School, Quarry Bay Village, 5.15 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Commencing on Wednesday, April 17, 1940. Class A—Lecturer:—Mr. Francis Wong, L.A.R.P.S. Class B—Lecturer:—Mr. So Chung Shun, L.A.R.P.S.

Central Police Station—Mondays to Fridays, at 10.15 a.m. commencing on Wednesday, April 24, 1940. Lecturer:—Mr. Ko Hay Man, L.A.R.P.S.

Kowloon:—Police Training School, Nathan Road—Mon. to Fri. 7 p.m. Commencing on Monday, April 15, 1940. Lecturer:—Ho Chok Nam, L.A.R.P.S.

Practical Demonstration:—An Incendiary Bomb Demonstration for Chinese Candidates will be held at the A.R.P. Office, Lower Albert Road, on Wednesday, April 24, 1940, at 5.30 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following, qualified as Wardens at an examination recently held under Syllabus "A": Mrs. D. G. Wilson, Miss A. Avery, Mrs. A. J. Palmer.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The following members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade per-

CENSORSHIP PUZZLE

The King and Queen recently went to their first charity matinee of the war, at the Palace Theatre, in aid of the Lord Mayor's Red Cross fund. Because the censorship rules forbid any mention in advance of Royal movements, Their Majesties' presence was unheralded.

"WHISPER" HEARD

By nearly everyone in the fashionable Mayfair audience had heard a "whisper" that "Royalty might be present." As the matinee had been (within the bounds of censorship) billed as under the immediate patronage of the King and Queen, it was not difficult for the surprise to be guessed.

Royal officials with Ministry of Information collaboration, drew up the censorship regulations for the reporting of activities of the Royal Family. They had not foreseen the difficulty in which organisers of bona-fide charity functions, which have earned the personal interest and support of the King and Queen, would be placed.

PURPOSE DEFEATED

Having persuaded the Palace authorities that (a) their function is important enough to warrant the presence of Their Majesties and (b) the presence of the King and Queen will add to popular interest, and thereby magnify receipts, organisers must not announce publicly in any way that the King and Queen are coming. They must not even tell ticket sellers confidentially whom they expect.

According to experienced charity collectors, this arrangement defeats the very purpose of the Royal presence.

COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

The next Cottage Club paper hunt will be held from Dill's corner on Saturday, April 20, at 3.30 p.m.

Riders are asked to congregate at 3 p.m. at the Club House, from where car transport will be provided to the meet.

Club ponies will be sent to the start, and riders of private ponies are asked to make their own arrangements in this connection.

sonnel have passed the full A.R.P. Anti-gas Course and A.R.P. Voluntary Aid Course.

A. H. Rumiabhi, Chan Yuk In, Miss M. B. Newman. The following have qualified as Instructors (St. John Ambulance Brigade), L.A.G.I.

A. S. Potter, Szeto Chung, (Sgd.) H. W. LEYDEN, Warden Instructor.

TRAINING GALLOPS AT THE VALLEY

The following times were taken during the training gallops at the Race Course yesterday:—

	Dis- tance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Last
Dupont Bay	1/2	39	1:17.2	1:52		34.3
Clember	1/2	39.3	1:16.3	1:48.4		32.1
Franklin	1/2	30	1:06.3	1:30.3		30
Maple Star	1/2	38.2	1:07.4	1:35.2		28
Gay Star & Hopeful Star	1/2	35.4	1:05.4	1:37.1		31.2
Expansion Time	1/2	32.3	1:08.4	1:43.1	2:17.2	34.1
Blue Diamond	1/2	36.3	1:10	1:40.3		30.3
Derby Day	1/2	28.2	56.1	1:25.4		29.3
Phoenix	1/2	35.2	1:08.2	1:41.4		33.2
Conquering Time	1/2	31.2	1:03.1	1:33.1	2:08.2	33.1
Spring Shine	1/2	37	1:09.1	1:37.2	2:07.2	30
Annabella	1/2	36	1:09.4	1:38.2		28.3
Fair Chance & Income Tax	1/2	32	1:01.3	1:28.3		27
Lancashire Lass	1/2	43.2	1:20	1:54.3	2:25	30.2
Centur's Court	1/2	31.3	1:03.1	1:32.1		29
Red Feather	1/2	37.2	1:13.4	1:48	2:19.2	31.2
Rose Emily	1/2	39.4	1:17.2	1:51.2	2:21.2	30
Jobor	1/2	39.1	1:13.1	1:45	2:18	31
A Great Time	1/2	31.4	1:03.2	1:31.3	2:00.1	28.3
Emergency Unit	1/2	32.3	1:06.2	1:38.2		32
Willynally	1/2	36.3	1:11.4	1:46.2	2:18.2	32
Avon	1/2	36.3	1:10.4	1:41.3		30.4
Geordie	1/2	33.3	1:07.4	1:42		34.1
Bressay	1/2	35	1:08.3	1:41.3		33
Just in Time	1/2	36.1	1:10.2	1:43.2	2:15.2	32
Hughbar	1/2	40.1	1:18.4	1:50	2:22	32
Distinctive Time	1/2	34	1:10	1:43.1	2:14.4	31.3
Hillsboro Bay & Jane Doe	1/2	36	1:10	1:44	2:15.2	31.2
Bronze Arrow	1/2	35	1:07.2	1:41.4	2:14.2	32.3
Rowan	1/2	38.3	1:14.3	1:46.3	2:16	29.2
Violet Queen	1/2	34.4	1:04.4	1:34		29.1
Double Finesse	1/2	27	54.4	1:22.2		27.3
Nancy Lee	1/2	38.2	1:11.3	1:42	2:11.2	29.2
Wilber	1/2	41.4	1:21	1:56	2:28.3	32.3
Triumph Day	1/2	31.1	1:01.4	1:24.4		28
Sea Urchin & Caterpillar Bridge	1/2	32	1:01	1:30	1:59.3	29.3
Brown Derby	1/2	38	1:08	1:37.4	2:08	28.1
White Diamond	1/2	28.1	56.3	1:28	2:01	33
Smiling Time & This Time	1/2	37.3	1:13	1:45		30
Perola D'Oriente	1/2	38	1:11	1:41		32
Hyndford Bridge	1/2	40	1:16.3	1:50	2:23	33
Gog	1/2	41.1	1:15.1	1:48		32.4
King Kong	1/2	34.3	1:07.1	1:37.2		30.1
Some Hope	1/2	40.1	1:17.4	1:50.3		32.4
Portkush	1/2	35.1	1:10	1:42.4		32.4
Lancashire Chap	1/2	35.4	1:09.4	1:43.3		33.4
Jennifer	1/2	27.4	58.1	1:31		32.4
Princes Bridge & Kittil	1/2	32	1:01.3	1:31	2:03.3	32.3
West Lake	1/2	37.2	1:14	1:48		32
Winnie & Lovely Kid	1/2	33.2	1:04.1	1:35		28.4

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ARMY TOO GOOD FOR LEAGUE XI

British Army's Football League 2

There's something about a soldier!

The Army boys certainly showed their civilian colleagues a thing or two in the shooting line. Four goals in the first half without reply made it look as though the match was going to be a walk-over.

But the League team showed their mettle after the interval, and Balmer netted for them twice. The leeway was too great, however, to be made up, and the soldiers also notched a further goal.

Barber, of Everton, a last-minute substitute at outside left, showed great form and scored twice for the Army.

Barber, who was on leave from the Army to act as twelfth man to Everton, was called on at the last minute to play for the Army in place of Compton, who could not travel.

Fifteen thousand people saw the Army take the lead in a thrilling spell through Mercer, who shot through a crowd of players after five minutes.

MORE METHOD
The Army played with rather more method, backed by half-back brilliance, and Fenton increased the lead in nineteen minutes following grand work by Fagan.

The League attacked, but their work lacked cohesive art, and Barber took over from Coppington to increase the Army lead in twenty-seven minutes. Barber added a fourth goal in forty minutes with a fine cross-shot. Gardner went off the field with a face injury.

The League showed improvement on resuming, with Gardner back, Jones was inches wide from a free kick, while Kemp turned over the top a dangerous shot from Matthews.

The League were now making better use of their wing men, it was only the quickness of Kemp which prevented Dods from going through in a thrill-packed game. Balmer, with a remarkable shot on the turn, reduced the lead in 61 minutes, and scored again in 76 minutes. Fenton added a fifth goal for the Army with a good cross-shot.

WEST HAM ROMP HOME

West Ham 5 Fulham 0

Scoring four times in five minutes after the interval, West Ham United, superior in team work, gained a convincing victory. On the whole, however, West Ham were the more thrifty and were quicker on the ball. The industrious efforts of Foreman in the centre were always valuable. The half-back honours went to Cockcroft, whose constructive skill

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Queen Mary

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

BANKS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

APRIL 17, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1613	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13 1/8	
Credits 4 months sight 1/3 1/8	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 350	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 1/2	
On Japan:—	
On demand 91	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 62 1/4	
and demand 62 1/4	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 1 3/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 22 1/4	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 39 5/8	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 108 1/2	
Credits 4 months sight 114 1/2	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 108 1/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 42 3/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 150	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/4	
Bar Silver per oz. 50 7/8	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose yesterday to the extent of 1/8 for Ready and 1/16 for Forward, the quotations being 207/8 and 203/4 respectively. Silver advances reported Speculators as having bought. A small business was done. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 348 5/8.

Steady.
Sterling
Nothing doing. There were sellers at 1/27/8 April/September and 1/22/32 October/January, buyers at 1/22/32 Cash and 1/2/7/8 November.

U. S. Dollars
Opened with sellers at 21 5/16, buyers bidding 21 11/16 leading to business at 21 7/16 for July followed by transactions at 21 1/2 July, 21 11/16 Cash and April. The market closed with sellers at 21 11/16 April, 21 5/8 May and 21 1/2 first half July, buyers at 21 3/4 Cash, 21 11/16 May and 21 1/8 July.

Shanghai Dollars
Sellers at 361.
Shanghai Market
Sterling sellers at 4 1/8 for Spot and U.S. Dollars probable sellers at 5 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 17 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/4-3/32	0/4-3/32
New York	5-3/4	5-3/4
Japan	23-1/2	23-1/2
India	22-1/8	22-1/8
Paris	2-9/16	2-9/16
Hongkong	25-3/4	25-3/4
	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-1/8	0/4-1/8
Apr.	0/4-1/32	0/4-1/32
May	0/3-7/8	0/3-7/8
	U.S. Dollars	
Spot	\$5-15/16	\$5-31/32
Apr.	5-13/16	5-7/8
May	5-5/8	5-21/32

Merchant Rates
Sterling, 0/4-3/32.
U.S. Dollars, \$5-15/16.
Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.
The Equalisation rate was 9-3/4 per cent.

New York Exchange

New York, Apr. 16 (Reuters).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate), 349.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Apr. 16 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 90-1/8.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Apr. 16 (Reuters).

Silver: Speculators bought. Little offering. Business small. Market quietly steady. In the afternoon, the market was steady, with small buyers at the rate but no offerings.

Spot, 20-7/8d.
Forward, 20-3/4d.
NEW YORK SILVER
New York, Apr. 16 (Reuters).
Silver, Official, 34-3/4.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, April 16, 1940.

	Previous	April 16	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER			
Spot	35-1/2	35-5/8	up 1/8
JULY-SEPT.	34-3/8	34-1/2	unch.
OCT.-DEC.	33-7/8	34 cts.	unch.

The market was idle.

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
LONDON RUBBER			
Spot	10-7/8	10-15/16	up 1/16
MAY	10-15/16	10-15/16	unch.
JULY-SEPT.	10-7/8	10-15/16	up 1/16
OCT.-DEC.	10-13/16	10-7/8	up 1/16

Market steady.

NEW YORK COTTON: Prices moved higher following the opening on the advance of the foreign markets and the possibility of unfavourable weather. Talk of credits to the Allies to purchase farm products by the U.S. government further strengthens all new crop months.

NEW YORK RUBBER: There is a continuation of broadening of outside interest and of Trade support following conflicting reports of war threat to Netherland East Indies' and indications of higher freights. All available outside offerings are reported to have been well taken.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Speculative momentum was encouraged by reports that the Rumanian government decided to ban on her exports and that the British government is contemplating further purchases of Canadian wheat to a larger scale. Hedging and realizing was easily absorbed. Crop conditions generally were bullish.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 149.72; Today's close, 148.18; Change, off 1.54.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.78	10.73	10.72	10.77	.05 up
New York Rubber, May	19.20	18.88	18.82A	19.20	.38 up
Chicago Wheat, May	110 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	110 1/2	1 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	62 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	62 1/2	1 1/2 up
New York Hides, June	14.29	14.15	14.15B	14.15B	unch.
NEW YORK COTTON					
May	10.72/73	10.74/74	10.77/78		.05 up
July	10.44/44	10.46/46	10.50/50		.06 up
July (New contract)	10.61 N	10.62/62	10.67/67		.06 up
October (")	10.07/07	10.09/10	10.18/18		.11 up
December (")	9.95 N	9.98/98	10.08/08		.13 up
January (")	9.90 N	9.96/96	10.03 N		.13 up
March (")	9.89 N	9.94/95	9.96/97		.16 up
Spot	10.89 N		10.94 N		.05 up
Total sales Monday:—41,000 bales.					
First notice day for cotton:—1/5/40 and last day 22/5/40.					

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TODAY'S SALES.—2,240 tons.					
CHICAGO WHEAT					
May	108 1/2/108 3/4	109 1/4/108 3/4	110 1/4/110 1/2	1 1/2	up
July	107 1/4/107 1/2	107 3/4/107 1/2	109/109 1/4	1 1/2	up
September	107 1/4/107 1/2	108 1/4/108	108 3/4/109	1 1/2	up
Monday's sales:—10,138,000 bushels.					
CHICAGO CORN					

Totals sales—2,840 tons.
CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	108 1/2	108 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2	1 1/2 up
July	107 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	1 1/2 up
September	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	1 1/2 up

Monday's sales—10,136,000 bushels.
CHICAGO CORN

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	60 1/2	60 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	1 1/2 up
July	61 1/2	61 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	1 1/2 up
September	62 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	1 1/2 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	90 B	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	1 up
July	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	1 up
October	90 1/2	90 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES

vious year. Commodities and tin were firmer owing to the active covering induced by indications of 'reductions' in warehouse stocks, and rubber was firmer owing to the question of export tax. In the speech he is expected to make here on Saturday morning on the occasion of the second report of the Commissioners-General for the ex-

New York Official, 34-3/4.
NY-London Cross Rate 3.50-3/8

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Apr. 16 (Reuters).

	buyers	sellers
Standard, Cash 253-1/2	253-3/4	253-3/4
Standard, 3 months	243-3/4	249
Standard, 6 months	253-1/2	—
Strait	273-3/4	278-3/4

LONDON GOLD

London, Apr. 16 (Reuters).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

STOCKS	Last Sale	APRIL 17, 1940	Last Sale
Adams Express	7 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	49 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	22 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	40
Allied Stores	8 1/2	Loew's Inc.	34 1/2
Allis Chalmers	34 1/2	Loft Incorporated	37 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	101	Mack Truck Inc.	26 1/2
Amer. Can.	114 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	28 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	39 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, ptd.	28 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	18	Monsanto Chemical	11 1/2
Amer. Gas & Elec.	25	Montgomery Ward	51 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	38 1/2	National Aviation	15 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	22	Nat. Dairy Products	17 1/2
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2	Nat. Distillers	25
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	National Gypsum	10 1/2
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.	51 1/2	National Lead	21
Amer. Sugar Refining	20 1/2	Inter. Paper & Power	17 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	173	Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	91 1/2	National Steel Corp.	65 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	10	National Supply Corp.	8 1/2
Anacosta Copper	29 1/2	New York Central	16 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	22 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2
Autum Motors	1 1/2	N. American Aviation	24 1/2
Aviation Corp.	8	North American Co.	21 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	15 1/2	Northern Pacific	34
Baltimore & Ohio	54	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	62 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	15 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	34
Barnsdall Oil	11 1/2	Pacific Lighting	47 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Packard Motors	21
Bethlehem Steel	79 1/2	Pan-American Airways	33 1/2
Bliss & Co.	18 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	26 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	22
Borg-Warner	22 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	37 1/2
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	11 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	47 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	22 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	38
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.	23 1/2	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	42 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	100	Public Service of N.J.	8 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	51	Pure Oil	104
Case, J.I.	67 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	64
Celanese	39 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	15 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	36 1/2	Reading Company, 1st ptd.	26 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	86 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	44 1/2
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	37 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	6 1/2
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	79 1/2	Republic Steel	21
Columbia Gas & Elec.	64	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	13 1/2
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	92 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	43
Commercial Credit Co.	4 1/2	Richfield Oil	7 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	14	Safeway Stores	50 1/2
Consolidated Edison	32	Schenley Distillers	13
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	Sears Roebuck	86 1/2
Continental Can	48	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Continental Oil	22 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	11
Copperweld Steel	22 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 ptd.	12 1/2
Corn Products	60	Sperry	44 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	10 1/2	Sperry Manufacturing Co.	35 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	28 1/2	Standard Brands	7 1/2
Deere & Co.	22 1/2	Stand. Gas & Elec.	12 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Oil of California	21 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	91 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	42 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	188 1/2	Stone & Webster	9 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	11 1/2	Studebaker Com.	10 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	35 1/2	Swift International	28 1/2
Elec. Autolite	40 1/2	Technicolor	15 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	61	Texas Corp.	46
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	61 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	34 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	65 1/2	Timken-Axle	25
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	31 1/2	Trans-America Co.	5 1/2
Fisk Rubber	15 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	9 1/2
Flinthote	18 1/2	20th Cent. Fox, \$1 1/2 pf.	22 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	53	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	17 1/2
Gen. Electric	37 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	81 1/2
Gen. Motors	54	Union Pacific	96 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	18	United Aircraft	51 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	18 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	22 1/2
Glidden Co.	17 1/2	United Corp.	21
Goodrich (B.F.)	17 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	38 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	68 1/2	United Gas Corp.	1 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	22 1/2	United Gas Improvement	12 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	22 1/2
Great Northern Ry. ptd.	25 1/2	U.S. Rubber	34 1/2
Great Western Sugar	27 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 ptd.	114 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	15 1/2	U.S. Steel	60 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	97	Vanadium	37 1/2
Homestake Mining	55 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	10 1/2
International Harvester	55	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Int. Nickel	31 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	34
Int. Tel. & Tel.	33 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	112 1/2
Johns-Manville	71	Westward Iron Cor.	25 1/2
J. & Laughlin Steel \$7 ptd.	54	Chase National Bank	—
Kennecott Copper	38	National City Bank	—
Lakey Foundry & Mac.	41		

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DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1939/40	High	Low	Dow Jones Average	Apr. 15	Apr. 17, 1940	Change
155.22	131.41	30	Industrials	149.72	150.24	148.18	1.64 off
35.90	24.14	30	Rails	30.98	31.00	30.84	.14 off
37.70	20.70	20	Utilities	25.13	25.14	24.70	.44 off
22.22	8.41	40	Bonds	89.29	89.30	88.90	.39 off
65.67	45.69	11	Commodity Index	60.65	61.29	61.29	.64 up

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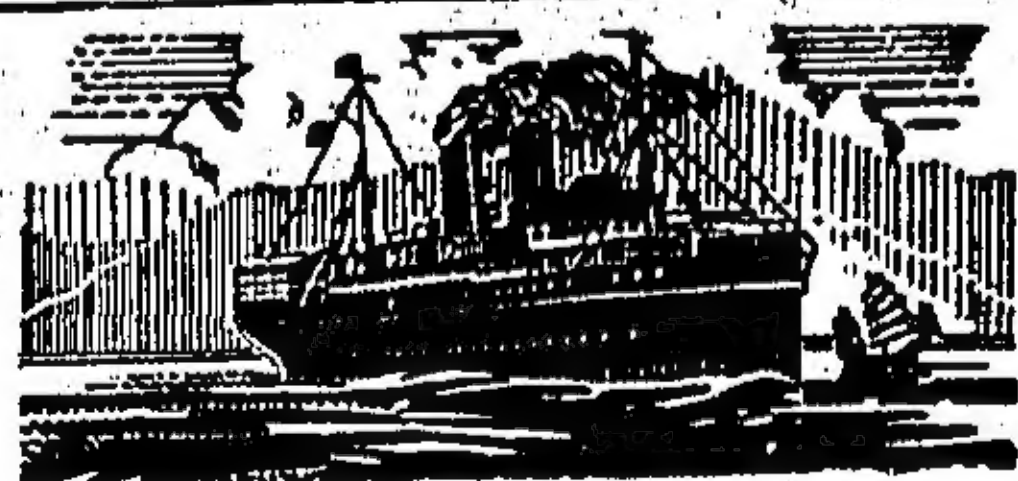
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OPEN TO ALL MARINERS

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—The British Mercantile Marine Services Association has opened its membership to Danish, Norwegian serving under the British flag, and Polish master and officers.

TO SEA AGAIN

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Dutch herring fleet is going to sea again, but only half of the usual number owing to the minefields in the North Sea, according to the Handelsblad.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., April 17.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.02 ins.

Temperature, 66 F.

Humidity, 87 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature; maximum yesterday, 65 F.

Temperature; minimum last night, 63 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st 16.57 ins.

Against an average of 8.68 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.44 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.01 a.m.

4 p.m., April 17.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.89 ins.

Temperature, 68 F.

Humidity, 94 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 70 F.

Minimum temperature, 67 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 18 to 24 Apr. 1940.

High Water		Low Water	
Day of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thur.	18	h.m. 08 39	4.9
		h.m. 00 13	1.7
Fri.	19	h.m. 07 15	5.4
		h.m. 00 57	1.7
Sat.	20	h.m. 07 50	6.0
		h.m. 01 38	1.8
Sun.	21	h.m. 08 20	6.1
		h.m. 01 40	2.1
Mon.	22	h.m. 08 08	6.7
		h.m. 02 48	2.1
Tue.	23	h.m. 07 41	7.1
		h.m. 03 24	2.4
Wed.	24	h.m. 07 08	7.9
		h.m. 03 55	2.7
		h.m. 03 59	5.8
		h.m. 17 10	0.8

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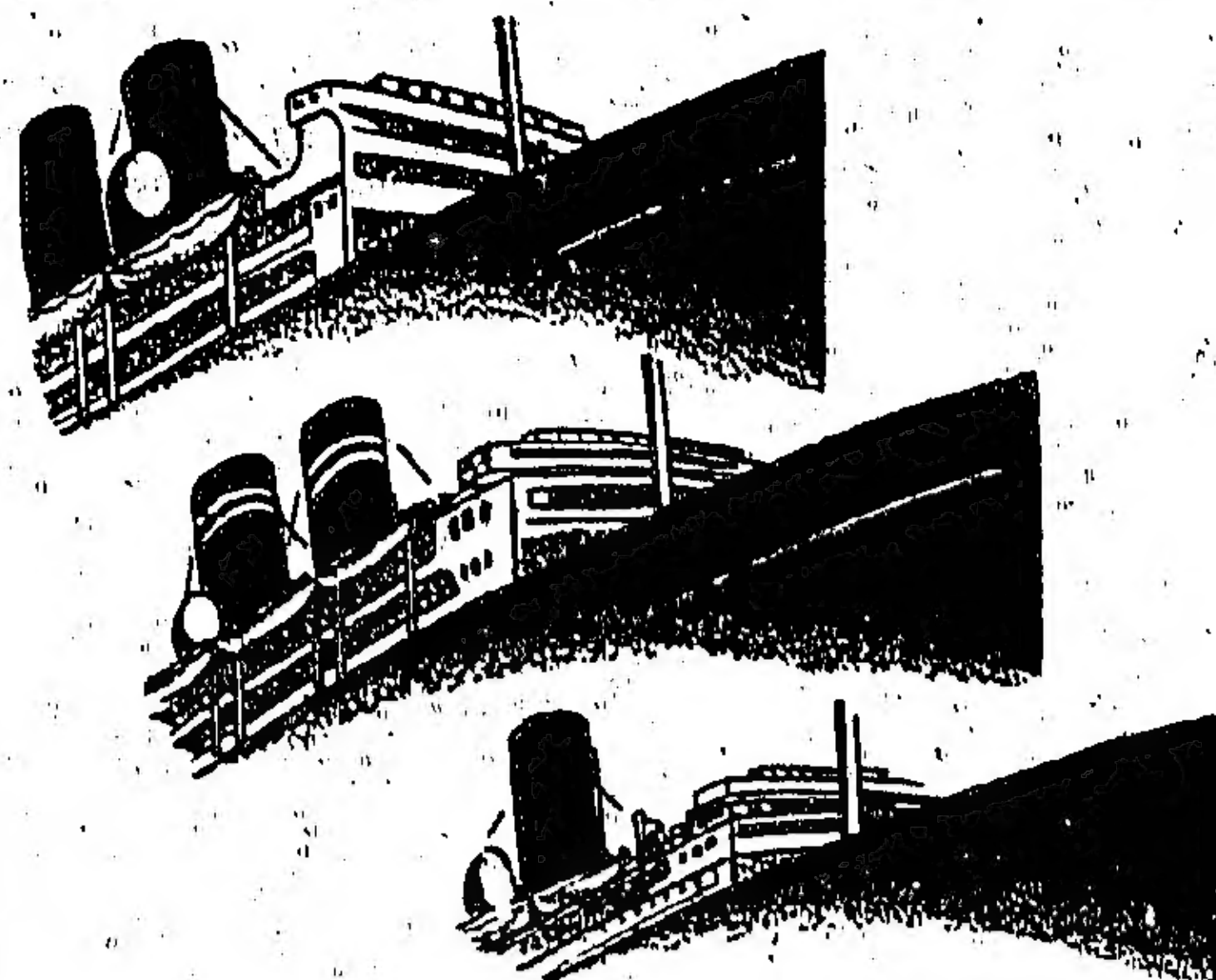
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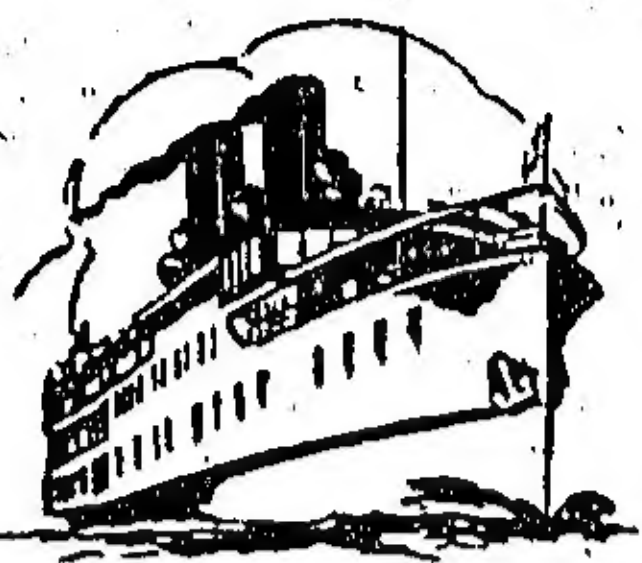
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Still Vainly
AttackingGERMAN TROOPS IN
ELVERUM

STOCKHOLM, April 17 (Reuter).—The German column which thrust northward in the early hours of the invasion to intercept King Haakon and the Norwegian Government is still vainly attacking Elverum.

According to a dispatch from the Swedish frontier, Norwegian troops in the Elverum region are strongly placed on a bridge over the River Glomma.

Heavy snowfalls are impeding the German motorised units and following the example of the Finns, Norwegian suicide patrols of skiers are harassing the Germans and cutting their communications while the civil population is assisting by hiding food supplies.

CONTACT ATTEMPT

Following the Norwegian withdrawal from Kongsvinger from which, according to the paper Aftenbladet, the last Norwegian troops departed yesterday morning, a decisive battle is expected shortly for possession of Elverum and Hamar.

In the extreme south-east the Germans are reported to have occupied the whole of Ostfold Province and Norwegian troops are either crossing the Swedish frontier or going north in an effort to contact the Norwegians holding the western defence line.

FALSE GERMAN
CLAIMS

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—An official Air Ministry report states, "the German High Command falsely alleges that five British aircraft were lost yesterday. It claimed that two Lockheed were shot down in attacks on Stavanger and a Sunderland flying boat was destroyed."

"No aircraft was lost in any of yesterday's attacks on Stavanger and no flying boat is missing."

"Two of our aircraft which were engaged on a reconnaissance flight over the North Sea yesterday have not yet returned."

CLEAN UP OF
TRAITORS

STOCKHOLM, April 17 (Havas).—Action against traitors of any political allegiance is demanded in a joint manifesto signed by youth organisations of the Conservative, Liberal and Social-Democratic Swedish parties.

"At the present critical hour, any form of treason, any tendency to capitulation, must be fought with the utmost energy and without pity."

"The whole nation must be united around the Government for the defence of Democracy, national independence and the freedom of our country."

This is the first time the three political parties have issued a common statement.

New Danubian
AgreementANTI-SABOTAGE
MEASURES

ROME, April 17 (Reuter).—The replies from Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Hungary, to the Rumanian proposals for policing the Danube have reached Bucharest and are clearly favourable, states a Bucharest message to the Stefani Agency.

It is stated that one of the principal points in the new arrangement is that steamers capable of being transformed into warships will not be allowed on the Danube.

As a result of the proposed measures, the four Danube countries consider they can protect the Danube against sabotage.

FRENCH ARMY
REPORT

PARIS, April 17 (Reuter).—After a short adjournment the Senate went into secret session on the Army Committee Report. The session will continue tomorrow on the Air and Navy Committee Reports and conclude with a public vote on the motion of confidence.

JAPAN AND
THE D.E.I.ARITA'S STATEMENT
CAUSES INTEREST

WASHINGTON, April 17 (Reuter).—Considerable interest has been aroused in official circles by Mr. Arita's "hands off" statement in regard to the Dutch East Indies, but this feeling does not amount to uneasiness.

It is generally felt that Japan will think twice before running foul of the French and British in the Far East in the event of Holland becoming involved in the war.

News commentators feel that there is no necessity for the United States to act because Britain and France, who would be vitally affected, would be expected to take immediate steps.

Any Japanese action against the Dutch East Indies, however, would undoubtedly rouse unpredictable reactions in America by crystallising the widespread feelings against Japanese imperialist ambitions in the Far East.

IMPORTS CONTROL
TIGHTENED

LONDON, April 17 (Havas).—Extremely energetic diplomatic, political and economic action will be taken by the Allies in South-eastern Europe as the result of the conferences just held here between the Foreign Office and British Envoys in the Balkans.

First of all the Allies will tighten the control of German imports.

Measures to this effect will include the purchasing of important quantities of certain goods, and the rationing or even complete cancellation of Allied exports of certain fundamental commodities to certain countries, if the latter do not reduce their exports to Germany.

However reluctant the Allies may be to take ruthless action, they will not hesitate to do so now that it is clearly demonstrated that Germany is benefiting from the Allied desire to respect neutral interests.

WHEAT AND OIL
BANNED

BUCHAREST, April 17 (Reuter).—The ban on the export of wheat and oil are not political moves, it is stated here, but are the outcome of the Rumanian economic position. They are necessary owing to three factors:—

Firstly, the mobilisation of 1,000,000 men since March, 1939; Secondly, a 20 per cent decrease in the spring sowing and the chance of a bad harvest; and Thirdly, the flood destruction by the Danube.

GIORGIU UNDER WATER

The port of Giorgiu, from where two-thirds of Germany's supplies were despatched, is still under water.

It appears that the only concrete agreement which Dr. Ciontius will reach before leaving is the delivery of German armaments in part liquidation of Rumania's two milliard lei credit balance for oil and wheat which have already been delivered.

Rumania badly wants anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns, and for these will continue to supply oil as far as transport allows.

CHECKING UP BY
NEUTRALS

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—Warned by the events in Norway of the intervention of Nazi agents already installed before the invasion, many neutrals are moving to check the danger in their midst.

Round-ups have taken place in Belgium, Sweden, Yugo-Slavia and Rumania. In Sweden many ports on the west coast have been closed and others on the south coast will be closed within a few hours.

Holland is taking similar steps and several Nazi agents have been arrested.

BOWLING ALLEYS
SURPRISE

At the Hongkong Bowling Alley last evening, U.S.S. Mindanao surprisingly defeated the Royal Corps of Signals in a friendly 5-game Duck Pin match. The American sailors won comfortably by 188 pins.

Scores are as follows:—U.S.S. Mindanao—D. M. Kepinger 550, J. T. Sheehan 510, E. L. Emerson 454 and J. W. Davis 448. Total, 1,962.

Royal Signals—J. H. Watts 479, H. Blount 450, G. Birkett 431 and G. Somerville 416. Total, 1,776.

Constitution
For ChinaPERMANENT ONE TO
BE ADOPTED

CHUNGKING, April 17 (Central).—The function of the National People's Assembly to be convened on November 12, is to adopt a permanent Constitution for China, declared Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, in an interview with the Central News.

A new National People's Assembly, Dr. Sun said, will have to be formed in accordance with the Constitution to exercise the powers provided therein.

Criticising the proposal made at the fifth session of the People's Political Council, held recently in Chungking for the creation of a Political Advisory Council exercising the powers to decide on budgetary bills, declaration of martial law, granting of amnesties, declaration of war, negotiation for peace and conclusion of treaties after the adjournment of the National People's Assembly, Dr. Sun said that this is contradictory to the Five-Power Constitution laid down by the Father of the Chinese Republic, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, which vests such powers in the Legislative Yuan.

Since the Legislative Yuan forms a component part of the National Government created by the National People's Assembly, the Assembly should have confidence in it and not create a duplicate organ exercising the same powers.

GEN. WU RETURNING
TO CHINA

LHASA, April 17 (Central).—General Wu Chung-hsin, special envoy of the Chinese Government to attend the enthronement of the 14th Dalai Lama, left Lhasa yesterday to return to China. He was seen off outside the city by a big crowd of Chinese and Tibetan officials and foreign envoys including the representatives of the 14th Dalai Lama, the Tibetan Regent Reing Hutuketu, and Nepal and Bhutan.

SHIMONOSEKI
TREATY

CHUNGKING, April 17 (Central).—Two Formosan representatives will broadcast in Formosan at the broadcasting station in Chungking beginning from 6 p.m. today, on the 46th anniversary of the Treaty of Shimonoseki urging the 6,000,000 Formosans to rise and fight for the independence of their fatherland.

The Treaty of Shimonoseki signed between China and Japan on April 17, 1895, after the war in Korea, declared Korea a sovereign state and ceded the Liaoting Peninsula and adjacent islands as well as Formosa and the Pescadores to Japan. However, Japan was later forced to give up her claim to the Liaoting Peninsula through the intervention of Russia forming a coalition with France and Germany, but accepted an additional indemnity of thirty million taels.

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APRIL 13

SHANGHAI, April 17 (Reuter).—About one hundred persons, all Chinese, are believed to have drowned when the Hwamin, six hundred ton steamer of Japanese registry, sank off the Chekiang coast after striking a reef on April 13, it has been learned.

Several survivors have arrived in Shanghai and others are expected tomorrow. The Hwamin was en route to Shanghai from Tanghai, Chekiang port, when she encountered a gale, hit the reef and started to sink.

Fishing boats and junks in the vicinity went to the rescue and picked up about two hundred of the three hundred passengers aboard.

The ship was out of Tanghai only four hours when she met with disaster.

FIGHTING NEAR
TSUNGYANG

KWEILIN, April 17 (Central).—Fighting is raging in the vicinity of Tsungyang, important south Hupeh town 60 miles northeast of Yoyang, where an advancing unit of 800 Japanese is meeting with stiff resistance from the Chinese.

Fighting commenced on the morning of April 15 with both sides suffering considerable casualties.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 18th APRIL, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

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Straits	18th Apr.
Canton	18th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	18th Apr.
Japan	18th Apr.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 10th April,	19th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	19th Apr.
Straits and Saigon	19th Apr.
Shanghai	19th Apr.
Canton	19th Apr.
Japan and Formosa	19th Apr.
Shanghai	20th Apr.
Saigon	20th Apr.
Shanghai	20th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	20th Apr.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters only)—London date, 24th February	21st Apr.
Shanghai and Amoy	21st Apr.
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Japan and Shanghai	21st Apr.
Manila	21st Apr.
Haiphong	21st Apr.
Japan and Manila	21st Apr.
Calcutta and Straits	21st Apr.
Shanghai	21st Apr.
Bandakan	21st Apr.
Shanghai	22nd Apr.
Saigon	23rd Apr.
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Canton	24th Apr.
U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 27th Mar.)	24th Apr.
Java and Manila	24th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Apr.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 16th Mar.)	25th Apr.
Australia and Manila	25th Apr.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 10th March)	26th Apr.
Shanghai	26th Apr.
Manila	26th Apr.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 2nd April)	26th Apr.
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Canton	27th Apr.
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For	Date and Time
THURSDAY	
Bandakan	Thurs. 18th 11.30 AM
Parcels only for Tientsin	12.30 PM
Swatow	1.00 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th May	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 2.45 PM Ord. 3.30 PM
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G.P.O.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May	Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Amoy	7.00 PM

FRIDAY

Fri. 18th	
K.P.O.	
Reg. 18th 5.00 PM	Ord. 18th 5.30 PM
G.P.O.	
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